

SHB 2573 - H AMD to H AMD (H-5292.2/04)
 By Representative Orcutt

1 On page 43 of the amendment, after line 3, strike lines 4
 2 through 21 and insert the following:

3 "Forestry Certification Process (05-2-850)

4 (1) The appropriation in this section is for a forestry
 5 certification process. The legislature finds that the department
 6 of natural resources manages state forests consistent with the
 7 forest practices rules, habitat conservation plans, and under a
 8 sustained yield harvest plan. The forest management required by
 9 these constraints necessarily means that wood products originating
 10 from state forests are managed consistent with advanced principles
 11 of sustainable forestry stewardship that meet or exceed the
 12 environmental and social standards of most public and private
 13 timber growing operations in both the nation and the world. As
 14 such, the state of Washington should aggressively market its wood
 15 products to end consumers and product manufacturers that are
 16 concerned with the forest practices used to grow the timber they
 17 are choosing to purchase.

18 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
 19 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

20 (a) "Board" means the board of natural resources.

21 (b) "Council" means the evergreen sustainable forestry council
 22 created in subsection 3 of this act.

23 (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

24 (d) "Small forest landowner" has the same meaning as defined in
 25 RCW 76.09.450.

26 (3)(a) The evergreen sustainable forestry council is created.
 27 The council is comprised of:

28 (i) The commissioner of public lands, or the commissioner's
 29 designee;

30 (ii) The governor, or the governor's designee;

1 (iii) The superintendent of public instruction, or the
2 superintendent's designee;

3 (iv) A designee representing the state university system,
4 appointed by the governor;

5 (v) A designee representing those counties that contain state
6 forest lands, appointed by the governor;

7 (vi) Two owners or operators of private commercial timberland,
8 appointed by the governor, one being a small forest landowner;

9 (vii) Two members of the house of representatives from
10 different political parties, appointed by the speaker of the house
11 of representatives; and

12 (viii) Two members of the senate from different political
13 parties, appointed by the president of the senate.

14 (b) Staff to the council shall be provided by the department.

15 (4) The council shall designate timber that satisfies the
16 standards of this chapter as "evergreen certified." The council
17 shall develop and implement a marketing plan for evergreen
18 certified wood products. The goal of this plan is to:

19 (a) Educate wood purchasers about the environmental stewardship
20 and sustainable forest practices involved in the planting, growing,
21 and harvesting of evergreen certified wood;

22 (b) Promote evergreen certified wood in the marketplace as an
23 alternative to the recognition of other third-party sustainable
24 forestry certification organizations; and

25 (c) Develop a niche market for evergreen certified wood that
26 will bring a premium price to the producers of evergreen certified
27 wood.

28 (5) Timber produced on public lands in Washington shall be
29 designated as "evergreen certified" by the council if the timber
30 satisfies the following criteria:

31 (a) The timber was managed in compliance with the forest
32 practices rules adopted under chapter 76.09 RCW;

33 (b) The timber was managed in compliance with any habitat
34 conservation plan agreed to by the department and the federal
35 government; and

36 (c) The timber was harvested pursuant to a sustainable harvest
37 plan adopted by the board under RCW 79.10.320.

38 (6) Timber produced on private lands in Washington must be
39 designated as "evergreen certified" by the council if the timber

1 was managed under the forest practices rules adopted under chapter
2 76.09 RCW."

3 On page 78 of the amendment, beginning on line 36, strike
4 sections 912 and 913.

5 Renumber remaining sections consecutively, correct internal
6 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Replaces the forestry certification study with an "Evergreen Certified" process. Creates the Evergreen Sustainable Forestry Council to market Evergreen Certified wood products. Evergreen Certified wood is a wood product that originated from private forest lands that were managed pursuant to the Forest Practice Rules, or state-owned forest lands that were managed pursuant to the Forest Practice Rules, a habitat conservation plan, and a sustainable yield harvest rule. Removes the requirement that the final sustainable harvest level adopted by the Board of Natural Resources be done only after the forestry certification study is completed and reviewed by the legislature and the board.