

SHB 2753 - H AMD
By Representative

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that trust
4 beneficiaries, rural communities, and sustainable forest harvest
5 management may benefit if wood produced on state-owned forests can
6 be certified as sustainable and marketed as such. It is the intent
7 of this legislation to provide the legislature, the board of
8 natural resources, and other interested parties with the
9 information that will allow for an informed decision on this policy
10 question prior to the final adoption of a sustainable harvest
11 calculation by the board of natural resources.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of natural resources
13 shall prepare a report for the legislature and the board of natural
14 resources that identifies:

15 (a) What changes to the current state forest management
16 practices, including the provisions of any applicable habitat
17 conservation plans, need to be implemented for state-managed
18 forests to achieve third-party sustainable forestry certification
19 under the standards of major sustainable forestry certification
20 organizations;

21 (b) What added changes in operational costs would be associated
22 with the changes in management practices necessary to achieve
23 certifications;

24 (c) Whether and how the preferred sustainable harvest level
25 alternative identified by the board of natural resources would
26 satisfy the state's responsibilities under any applicable habitat
27 conservation plans; and

28 (d) How the preferred sustainable harvest level calculation
29 identified by the board of natural resources increases or decreases

1 the cost of compliance with the standards of major sustainable
2 forestry certification organizations.

3 (2) The department of natural resources shall complete its
4 report and submit it to the board of natural resources and the
5 appropriate standing committees of the legislature no later than
6 September 14, 2004. The department shall include in its report
7 sufficient detail on its calculations to facilitate the review and
8 comment process established in subsection (3) of this section.

9 (3) The department of natural resources shall make copies of
10 the report available to any interested party who wishes to review
11 and comment on the report. Comments should be addressed to the
12 chairs of the appropriate standing committees of the legislature.
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14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79.10.320 and 2003 c 334 s 538 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The department shall manage the state-owned lands under its
17 jurisdiction which are primarily valuable for the purpose of
18 growing forest crops on a sustained yield basis insofar as
19 compatible with other statutory directives. To this end, the
20 department shall periodically adjust the acreages designated for
21 inclusion in the sustained yield management program and calculate
22 a sustainable harvest level.

23 (2) For the final sustainable harvest level intended to be
24 adopted by the board during calendar year 2004, the board may
25 identify a single preferred harvest level alternative, and may only
26 adopt a sustainable harvest level after:

27 (a) The report required in section 2 of this act has been
28 produced and delivered to the appropriate standing committees of
29 the legislature;

30 (b) A legislative review of the report has been conducted by
31 the appropriate standing committees of the legislature; and

32 (c) At least one hearing has been held by the board of natural
33 resources on the findings in the report and the results of the
34 legislative review.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
36 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
37 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
38 takes effect immediately.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires on July 1, 2005."

2 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Natural Resources to deliver a report to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature and the Board of Natural Resources by September 14, 2004, that studies certain elements of sustainable forestry certification programs, and prohibits the Board of Natural Resources from adopting a final sustainable harvest level until after the report has been delivered and a public hearing has been held.