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Brief Description: Concerning the verification of a landowner as a small forest landowner.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, when establishing a forest riparian easement program applicant's status as a qualifying small forest landowner pursuant to RCW 76.13.120, the department shall not review the applicant's timber harvest records, or any other tax-related documents, on file with the department of revenue. The department of revenue may confirm or deny an applicant's status as a small forest landowner on the request of the department; however, the department of revenue may not disclose more information than whether or not the applicant has reported a harvest or harvests totaling greater than or less than the qualifying thresholds established in RCW 76.13.120.

Provides that the department shall, when contacted by the department of natural resources, rely on submitted tax-related documents to confirm or deny that an applicant for the forest riparian easement program established in RCW 76.13.120 satisfies the definition of a small forest landowner, as that term is defined in RCW 76.13.120. Nothing in this act prohibits the department from providing the department of natural resources with aggregate or general information.