

2506-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Armstrong, Blake, Shabro, Buck, Hatfield, Upthegrove, Condotta, Moeller, McMorris and Bush)

Brief Description: Allowing access roads to private property surrounded by certain public lands. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning easements and rights in state-owned lands.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/04)

Authorizes the departments to grant to any person such easements and rights in state-owned lands administered by the department as the person may acquire in privately owned lands through proceedings in eminent domain. No grant shall be made under this act until such time as the full market value of the estate or interest granted together with damages to all remaining property of the state of Washington has been ascertained and safely secured to the state.

Provides that the departments shall grant such easements and rights in state-owned lands administered by the department consistent with this act when: (1) A person's property is landlocked by state lands;

(2) There has been historical usage of the state lands to access the person's property; and

(3) Easements or other rights in state lands are needed to access the person's property.

Provides that easements and rights granted according to this act shall be such as is necessary to provide for historical use and shall be granted along routes selected by the department to minimize impacts to state resources. Any road constructed pursuant to this act shall be constructed in compliance with road construction and maintenance rules adopted by the forest practices board according to chapter 76.09 RCW.