
HOUSE BILL 1691

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1 AN ACT Relating to the distribution of revenue generated from state
2 forest lands; and amending RCW 79.64.110.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.64.110 and 2003 c 334 s 207 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any moneys derived from the lease of state forest lands or from the
7 sale of valuable materials, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or fossils
8 from those lands, must be distributed as follows:

9 (1) State forest lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040 or by
10 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040:

11 (a) The expense incurred by the state for administration,
12 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed twenty-five percent, which
13 rate of percentage shall be determined by the board, must be returned
14 to the forest development account in the state general fund.

15 (b) Any balance remaining must be paid to the county in which the
16 land is located to be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as
17 otherwise provided in this section, to the various funds in the same
18 manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of
19 payment, except that no distribution may be made to the state general

1 fund. Revenues that would otherwise be dedicated to the state general
2 fund must be redistributed proportionally among the other funds
3 receiving general tax revenue.

4 (c) Any balance remaining, paid to a county with a population of
5 less than sixteen thousand, must first be applied to the reduction of
6 any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of the county
7 during the year of payment.

8 (d) With regard to moneys remaining under this subsection (1),
9 within seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the department
10 shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be distributed to
11 the counties. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the
12 counties four times per month, with no more than ten days between each
13 payment date.

14 (2) State forest lands acquired through RCW 79.22.010 or by
15 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.010, except as provided
16 in RCW 79.64.120:

17 (a) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development
18 account.

19 (b) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state
20 general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools,
21 and the county in which the land is located according to the relative
22 proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the county. The
23 portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall be based on
24 the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 and the levy rate for
25 any maintenance and operation special school levies. With regard to
26 the portion to be distributed to the counties, the department shall
27 certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be distributed within
28 seven working days of receipt of the money. The state treasurer shall
29 distribute funds to the counties four times per month, with no more
30 than ten days between each payment date. The money distributed to the
31 county must be paid, distributed, and prorated to the various other
32 funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed
33 during the year of payment.

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