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## HOUSE BILL 2741

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AN ACT Relating to reducing the fee for class IV forest practices applications so that it is equal to the fee required for all other classes of forest practice applications; and amending RCW 76.09.065.

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

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- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.065 and 2000 c 11 s 5 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
  - (1) ((Effective July 1, 1997, an applicant)) All persons applying under this chapter shall pay an application fee and a recording fee, if applicable, at the time an application or notification is submitted to the department or to the local governmental entity as provided in this chapter.
  - (2) ((For applications and notifications submitted to the department,)) The application fee shall be fifty dollars for class II, III, and IV forest practices applications or notifications relating to the commercial harvest of timber, regardless of whether the application or notification is submitted to the department or a local governmental entity. ((However, the fee shall be five hundred dollars for class IV forest practices applications on lands being converted to other uses or on lands which are not to be reforested because of the likelihood of

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future conversion to urban development or on lands that are contained within "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except the fee shall be fifty dollars on those lands where the forest landowner provides:

- (a) A written statement of intent signed by the forest landowner not to convert to a use other than commercial forest product operations for ten years, accompanied by either a written forest management plan acceptable to the department or documentation that the land is enrolled under the provisions of chapter 84.33 RCW; or
- 10 (b) A conversion option harvest plan approved by the local
  11 governmental entity and submitted to the department as part of the
  12 forest practices application.))
- 13 All money collected <u>by the department</u> from fees under this subsection 14 shall be deposited in the state general fund.
  - (3) ((For applications submitted to the local governmental entity, the fee shall be five hundred dollars for class IV forest practices on lands being converted to other uses or lands that are contained within "urban growth areas," designated pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, except as otherwise provided in this section, unless a different fee is otherwise provided by the local governmental entity.
    - (4))) Recording fees shall be as provided in chapter 36.18 RCW.
  - (((5))) (4) An application fee under subsection (2) of this section shall be refunded or credited to the applicant if either the application or notification is disapproved by the department or the application or notification is withdrawn by the applicant due to restrictions imposed by the department.

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