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On page 1, line 12 of the amendment, after "entities: insert ": (a)"

On page 1, line 14 of the amendment, after "forestry" insert "; and (b) in the recognition of, and for opportunities for cooperation with, public works and utilities department vegetation management programs created for the prevention of vegetation interfering with or damaging public facilities and utilities"

On page 4, after line 29 of the amendment, insert the following:

10 "Sec. 5. RCW 76.15.007 and 1991 c 179 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this chapter is to:

- (1) Encourage planting and maintenance and management of trees in the state's municipalities and counties and maximize the potential of tree and vegetative cover in improving the quality of the environment.
- (2) Encourage the coordination of state and local agency activities and maximize citizen participation in the development and implementation of community and urban forestry-related programs.
- (3) Foster healthy economic activity for the state's community and urban forestry-related businesses through cooperative and supportive contracts with the private business sector.
- (4) Facilitate the creation of employment opportunities related to community and urban forestry activities including opportunities for inner city youth to learn teamwork, resource conservation, environmental appreciation, and job skills.

- (5) Provide meaningful voluntary opportunities for the state's citizens and organizations interested in community and urban forestry activities.
- (6) Facilitate recognition of, and cooperation with, public works and utilities department vegetation management programs created for the prevention of vegetation interfering with or damaging public facilities and utilities."

EFFECT: Includes references to necessary cooperation with public works and utility department vegetation management programs for purposes of maintenance and management of public facilities and utilities.

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