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1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the forest practices board;
2 and amending RCW 76.09.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.030 and 2003 c 39 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the forest practices board of the state
7 of Washington as an agency of state government consisting of members as
8 follows:

9 (a) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
10 designee;

11 (b) The director of the department of community, trade, and
12 economic development or the director's designee;

13 (c) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
14 designee;

15 (d) The director of the department of ecology or the director's
16 designee;

17 (e) The director of the department of fish and wildlife or the
18 director's designee;

1 (f) An elected member of a county legislative authority appointed
2 by the governor: PROVIDED, That such member's service on the board
3 shall be conditioned on the member's continued service as an elected
4 county official; (~~and~~)

5 (g) One member representing labor, appointed by the governor, from
6 a list of names recommended by a statewide organization representing a
7 cross-section of organized labor in the state; and

8 (h) Six members of the general public appointed by the governor,
9 one of whom shall be an owner of not more than five hundred acres of
10 forest land, and one of whom shall be an independent logging
11 contractor.

12 (2) The director of the department of fish and wildlife's service
13 on the board may be terminated two years after August 18, 1999, if the
14 legislature finds that after two years the department has not made
15 substantial progress toward integrating the laws, rules, and programs
16 governing forest practices, chapter 76.09 RCW, and the laws, rules, and
17 programs governing hydraulic projects, chapter 77.55 RCW. Such a
18 finding shall be based solely on whether the department of fish and
19 wildlife makes substantial progress as defined in this subsection, and
20 will not be based on other actions taken as a member of the board.
21 Substantial progress shall include recommendations to the legislature
22 for closer integration of the existing rule-making authorities of the
23 board and the department of fish and wildlife, and closer integration
24 of the forest practices and hydraulics permitting processes, including
25 exploring the potential for a consolidated permitting process. These
26 recommendations shall be designed to resolve problems currently
27 associated with the existing dual regulatory and permitting processes.

28 (3) The members of the initial board appointed by the governor
29 shall be appointed so that the term of one member shall expire December
30 31, 1975, the term of one member shall expire December 31, 1976, the
31 term of one member shall expire December 31, 1977, the terms of two
32 members shall expire December 31, 1978, and the terms of two members
33 shall expire December 31, 1979. Thereafter, each member shall be
34 appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies on the board shall be
35 filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Each member of
36 the board shall continue in office until his or her successor is
37 appointed and qualified. The commissioner of public lands or the
38 commissioner's designee shall be the (~~chairman~~) chair of the board.

1 (4) The board shall meet at such times and places as shall be
2 designated by the ((~~chairman~~)) chair or upon the written request of the
3 majority of the board. The principal office of the board shall be at
4 the state capital.

5 (5) Members of the board, except public employees and elected
6 officials, shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250. Each
7 member shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred
8 in the performance of their duties as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
9 43.03.060.

10 (6) The board may employ such clerical help and staff pursuant to
11 chapter 41.06 RCW as is necessary to carry out its duties.

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