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SENATE BILL 6325

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By Senator Jacobsen

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Ocean & Recreation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the institute of forest resources; amending RCW  
2 76.44.030; adding a new section to chapter 76.44 RCW; and creating new  
3 sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there are many  
6 issues facing the forest sector, such as climate change, forest health  
7 and fire, carbon accounting, habitat and diversity, timber and water  
8 supplies, economic competitiveness, and the economic health of forest  
9 dependent communities. These forest issues, and the approaches taken  
10 to address them, transcend the expertise and missions of the current  
11 University of Washington school of forest resources and its centers and  
12 cooperatives. While each center and cooperative contributes important  
13 expertise and resources, the structure and continuity for the  
14 integrated, interdisciplinary approach to address these complex issues  
15 is lacking. The institute of forest resources will provide this  
16 structure and continuity by drawing contributions from the centers and  
17 cooperatives into a more consolidated, collaborative,  
18 interdisciplinary, and integrated process that is responsive to the  
19 critical issues confronting the forest sector.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The director of the school of forest  
2 resources of the University of Washington must coordinate the existing  
3 school of forest resource's cooperatives and centers to promote a more  
4 holistic, efficient, and integrated approach to broaden its research  
5 program to address the issues facing the forest section.

6        **Sec. 3.**    RCW 76.44.030 and 1979 c 50 s 5 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8        (1) The institute of forest resources ((shall)) must pursue  
9 coordinated research and education related to the forest ((resource))  
10 sector and its multiple uses including: Its conservation, ((management  
11 and utilization; its evaluation of forest land use and the maintenance  
12 of its rural environment)) sustainable management, and utilization; its  
13 economic, ecological, and societal value; the manufacture and marketing  
14 of forest products, including timber, nontimber, and environmental  
15 services; and the provision of recreation and aesthetic values.

16        (2) The institute of forest resources must also seek to provide a  
17 framework to identify, prioritize, fund, and conduct interdisciplinary  
18 research critical to the forest sector and to develop integrated,  
19 synthesized information and decision support tools to improve  
20 understanding of these complex issues for policymakers and others.

21        (3) In pursuit of these objectives, the institute of forest  
22 resources is authorized to cooperate with other entities, including,  
23 but not limited to, universities, state and federal agencies,  
24 industrial institutions, domestic or foreign, where such cooperation  
25 advances these objectives.

26        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28        The director of the school of forest resources of the University of  
29 Washington must appoint a policy advisory board consisting of eleven  
30 members to advise the director of the school of forest resources of the  
31 University of Washington on policies for the institute of forest  
32 resources that are consistent with the purposes of the institute.  
33 Membership on the policy advisory board must broadly represent the  
34 various interests concerned with the purposes of the institute of  
35 forest resources, including the state and federal governments,

1 environmental organizations, local communities, the timber industry,  
2 and tribes.

3 Members of the policy advisory committee must be compensated as  
4 provided in RCW 43.03.220 and must be reimbursed for travel expenses as  
5 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The institute of forest resources shall  
7 provide progress reports to the appropriate committees of the  
8 legislature by July 1, 2011, on the coordination required by section 2  
9 of this act and the implementation of this act.

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