

HB 1484-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides sustainable revenue to smaller counties that are heavily dependent on state forest land revenues.

Promotes long-term protection, conservation, and recovery of marbled murrelets and northern spotted owls.

Provides the necessary tools for the state to maintain long-term working forests by replacing state forest lands with endangered species-based harvest encumbrances with productive, working forest lands.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to transfer lands to another public agency without an auction if the lands are located in certain counties and if the lands are encumbered with timber harvest deferrals longer than thirty years.

VETO MESSAGE ON 2SHB 1484

May 6, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 1, Second Substitute House Bill 1484 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to habitat open space."

I am vetoing Section 1 of this bill, regarding the use of the riparian open space program to protect critical habitat for threatened or endangered species. The language in Section 1 of this bill is identical to language adopted into law when I signed SSB 5401 earlier this session. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1 of Second Substitute House Bill 1484.

With the exception of Section 1, Second Substitute House Bill 1484 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor