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1 AN ACT Relating to the institute of forest resources; amending RCW
2 76.44.020, 76.44.030, and 76.44.050; adding new sections to chapter
3 76.44 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there are
6 many challenges facing the forest sector, such as climate change, loss
7 of forest cover in rural and urban areas, forest health and fire risks,
8 the development of environmental service markets, the enhancement of
9 habitat and biodiversity, timber and water supply, restoration of
10 forest ecosystems, and the economic health of forest-dependent
11 communities that rely on the retention of working forests.

12 (2) The legislature further finds that these forest issues, which
13 occur in both rural and urban environments, and the approaches taken to
14 address the issues, transcend the expertise and mission of the
15 University of Washington school of forest resources and the associated
16 centers and cooperatives. While each of these centers and cooperatives
17 contribute expertise and resources, the structure and continuity for
18 the integrated, interdisciplinary approach needed to address these
19 complex issues is lacking.

1 (3) It is the intent of the legislature for the institute of forest
2 resources to provide the structure and continuity needed by drawing
3 contributions from the associated centers and cooperatives into a more
4 consolidated, collaborative, interdisciplinary, and integrated process
5 that is responsive to the critical issues confronting the forest
6 sector.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.44.020 and 1988 c 81 s 21 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The institute of forest resources shall be administered and
10 directed by the ~~((dean of the college))~~ director of the school of
11 forest resources ~~((of))~~ at the University of Washington ~~((who shall~~
12 ~~also be the director of the institute))~~.

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

15 (1) The institute of forest resources shall pursue coordinated
16 research and education related to the forest ~~((resource))~~ sector and
17 its multiple ~~((use))~~ components, including ~~((its))~~:

18 (a) Forest conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and
19 utilization; ~~((its))~~

20 (b) The evaluation of the economic, ecological, and societal value
21 of forest land ~~((use and the maintenance of its))~~ in both the rural and
22 urban environment;

23 (c) The manufacture and marketing of forest products, including
24 timber products, nontimber products, environmental services, and the
25 provision of recreation and aesthetic values.

26 (2) The institute of forest resources must seek to provide a
27 framework for identifying, prioritizing, funding, and conducting
28 interdisciplinary research critical to the forest sector and the
29 development of integrated, synthesized information and decision support
30 tools that improve the understanding of complex forestry issues for
31 stakeholders, policymakers, and other interested parties.

32 (3) In pursuit of these objectives, the institute of forest
33 resources is authorized to cooperate, when cooperation advances the
34 objectives listed in this section, with other entities, including but
35 not limited to:

36 (a) Universities~~((r))~~;

- 1 (b) State and federal agencies(~~(, industrial institutions,)~~);
2 (c) Conservation and environmental organizations;
3 (d) Community and urban forestry organizations; and
4 (e) Domestic or foreign(~~(, where such cooperation advances these~~
5 objectives)) industrial and business institutions.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 76.44.050 and 1979 c 50 s 7 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The institute (~~(is authorized to)~~) of forest resources may
9 solicit (~~(and/or accept funds through)~~) gifts, grants, (~~(contracts, or~~
10 institutional consulting arrangements for the prosecution of any
11 research or education activity which it may undertake in pursuit of its
12 objectives)) conveyances, bequests, and devices, including both real or
13 personal property, in trust or otherwise, to be directed to the
14 institute for carrying out the objectives of the institute as provided
15 in this chapter.

16 (2) The institute of forest resources may solicit contracts for
17 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private
18 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other
19 sources deemed appropriate by the director of the institute.

20 (3) The institute of forest resources may utilize separately
21 appropriated funds of the University of Washington for the institute's
22 operations and activities.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The director of the school of forest resources at the
26 University of Washington may, at the discretion of the director,
27 appoint and maintain an eleven-member policy advisory committee to
28 advise the director on policies for the institute of forest resources
29 that are consistent with the institute's objectives as provided in this
30 chapter.

31 (2) If activated, the membership of the policy advisory committee
32 must represent, to the extent possible, the various interests concerned
33 with the institute of forest resources, including state and federal
34 agencies, tribal governments, conservation and environmental
35 organizations, urban forestry interests, rural communities, industry,
36 and business.

1 (3) Members of the advisory committee may not receive any salary or
2 other compensation for service on the advisory committee. However,
3 each member may be compensated, at the discretion of the director of
4 the institute, for each day in actual attendance at or traveling to and
5 from meetings of the advisory committee in accordance with RCW
6 43.03.220 together with travel expenses in accordance with RCW
7 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The director of the school of forest resources at the University of
11 Washington shall coordinate the various cooperatives and centers within
12 the school of forest resources to promote a holistic, efficient, and
13 integrated approach that broadens the research and outreach programs
14 and addresses issues facing the forest sector.

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