

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1254

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1254** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Lytton, Blake, Takko, Van De Wege, Ladenburg, and Rolfes)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the institute of forest resources; amending RCW
2 76.44.070, 76.44.020, 76.44.030, and 76.44.050; adding new sections to
3 chapter 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 76.44.070 and 2010 c 188 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 The legislature finds that there are many issues facing the forest
10 sector, such as climate change, forest health and fire, carbon
11 accounting, habitat and diversity, timber and water supplies, economic
12 competitiveness, and the economic health of forest dependent
13 communities. Enhancing the capability to effectively address these
14 forest issues is critical to the state of Washington. To meet this
15 need, the University of Washington school of forest resources will
16 continue to work with the various interests concerned with the state's
17 forest resources, including the legislature, state and federal
18 governments, environmental organizations, local communities, the timber
19 industry, and tribes, to improve these entities' ability to
20 competitively recruit, educate, and train a high quality workforce. In
21 order to meet these goals, it is important to our state, and in
22 particular the University of Washington, to continue to have strong
23 undergraduate and graduate programs in forestry and natural resources
24 to provide well-trained professionals to meet workforce needs.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 76.44.020 and 1988 c 81 s 21 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 The institute of forest resources shall be administered and
28 directed by the ((~~dean of the college~~)) director of the school of
29 forest resources ((~~of~~)) at the University of Washington ((~~who shall~~
30 ~~also be the director of the institute~~)).

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 76.44.030 and 1979 c 50 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

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

1 (a) Forest conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and
2 utilization; ((its))

3 (b) The evaluation of the economic, ecological, and societal value
4 of forest land ((use and the maintenance of its)) in both the rural and
5 urban environment;

6 (c) The manufacture and marketing of forest products, including
7 timber products, nontimber products, environmental services, and the
8 provision of recreation and aesthetic values.

9 (2) The institute of forest resources must seek to provide a
10 framework for identifying, prioritizing, funding, and conducting
11 interdisciplinary research critical to the forest sector and the
12 development of integrated, synthesized information and decision support
13 tools that improve the understanding of complex forestry issues for
14 stakeholders, policymakers, and other interested parties.

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

19 (a) Universities((~~7~~));

20 (b) State and federal agencies((~~, industrial institutions,~~));

21 (c) Conservation and environmental organizations;

22 (d) Community and urban forestry organizations; and

23 (e) Domestic or foreign((~~, where such cooperation advances these~~
24 objectives)) industrial and business institutions.

25 **Sec. 5.** RCW 76.44.050 and 1979 c 50 s 7 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 (1) The institute ((is authorized to)) of forest resources may
28 solicit ((and/or accept funds through)) gifts, grants, ((contracts, or
29 institutional consulting arrangements for the prosecution of any
30 research or education activity which it may undertake in pursuit of its
31 objectives)) conveyances, bequests, and devices, including both real or
32 personal property, in trust or otherwise, to be directed to the
33 institute for carrying out the objectives of the institute as provided
34 in this chapter.

35 (2) The institute of forest resources may solicit contracts for
36 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private

1 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other
2 sources deemed appropriate by the director of the institute.

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

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

8 (1) The director of the school of forest resources at the
9 University of Washington may, at the discretion of the director,
10 appoint and maintain an eleven-member policy advisory committee to
11 advise the director on policies for the institute of forest resources
12 that are consistent with the institute's objectives as provided in this
13 chapter.

14 (2) If activated, the membership of the policy advisory committee
15 must represent, to the extent possible, the various interests concerned
16 with the institute of forest resources, including state and federal
17 agencies, tribal governments, conservation and environmental
18 organizations, urban forestry interests, rural communities, industry,
19 and business.

20 (3) Members of the advisory committee may not receive any salary or
21 other compensation for service on the advisory committee. However,
22 each member may be compensated, at the discretion of the director of
23 the institute, for each day in actual attendance at or traveling to and
24 from meetings of the advisory committee in accordance with RCW
25 43.03.220 together with travel expenses in accordance with RCW
26 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The director of the school of forest resources at the University of
30 Washington shall coordinate the various cooperatives and centers within
31 the school of forest resources to promote a holistic, efficient, and
32 integrated approach that broadens the research and outreach programs
33 and addresses issues facing the forest sector.

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