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By Senator Hargrove

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1            AN ACT Relating to the Olympic natural resources center; and  
2 amending RCW 43.30.820 and 43.30.810.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.30.820 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 74 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The Olympic natural resources center shall operate under the  
7 authority of the board of regents of the University of Washington. It  
8 shall be administered by a director appointed jointly by the ((deans))  
9 directors of the ((college)) school of forest resources and the  
10 ((college)) school of ((ocean)) aquatic and fishery sciences. The  
11 director of the center shall be a member of the faculty of one of those  
12 ((colleges)) schools. The director of the center shall appoint and  
13 maintain a scientific or technical committee, and other committees as  
14 necessary, to advise the director on the efficiency, effectiveness, and  
15 quality of the center's activities.

16            (2) The governor must appoint a policy advisory board consisting of  
17 eleven members to advise the directors of the school of forest  
18 resources, the school of aquatic and fishery sciences, and the Olympic  
19 natural resources center on policies for the center that are consistent

1 with its purposes. Membership on the policy advisory board must  
2 broadly represent the various interests concerned with the purposes of  
3 the center, including state and federal government, environmental,  
4 local community, timber industry, and tribal interests.

5 (3) Service on boards and committees of the Olympic natural  
6 resources center is without compensation but actual travel expenses  
7 incurred in connection with service to the center may be reimbursed  
8 from appropriated funds in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.30.810 and 1991 c 316 s 2 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) The Olympic natural resources center is hereby created at the  
12 University of Washington in the ((college)) school of forest resources  
13 and the ((college)) school of ((ocean)) aquatic and fishery sciences.

14 (2) The Olympic natural resources center shall maintain facilities  
15 and programs in the western portion of the Olympic Peninsula. ((Its))  
16 The purpose ((shall be)) of the center is to demonstrate innovative  
17 management methods which successfully integrate environmental and  
18 economic interests into pragmatic management of forest and ocean  
19 resources. The center shall combine research and educational  
20 opportunities with experimental forestry, oceans management, and  
21 traditional management knowledge into an overall program which  
22 demonstrates that management based on sound economic principles is made  
23 superior when combined with new methods of management based on  
24 ecological principles. The programs developed by the center shall  
25 include the following:

26 ((+1)) (a) Research and education on a broad range of ocean  
27 resources problems and opportunities in the region, such as estuarine  
28 processes, ocean and coastal management, offshore development,  
29 fisheries and shellfish enhancement, and coastal business development,  
30 tourism, and recreation. In developing this component of the center's  
31 program, the center shall collaborate with coastal educational  
32 institutions such as Grays Harbor community college and Peninsula  
33 community college;

34 ((+2)) (b) Research and education on forest resources management  
35 issues on the landscape, ecosystem, or regional level, including issues  
36 that cross legal and administrative boundaries;

1           (~~(3)~~) (c) Research and education that broadly integrates marine  
2 and terrestrial issues, including interactions of marine, aquatic, and  
3 terrestrial ecosystems, and that identifies options and opportunities  
4 to integrate the production of commodities with the preservation of  
5 ecological values. Where appropriate, programs shall address issues  
6 and opportunities that cross legal and administrative boundaries;  
7           (~~(4)~~) (d) Research and education on natural resources and their  
8 social and economic implications, and on alternative economic and  
9 social bases for sustainable, healthy, resource-based communities;  
10           (~~(5)~~) (e) Educational opportunities such as workshops, short  
11 courses, and continuing education for resource professionals, policy  
12 forums, information exchanges including international exchanges where  
13 appropriate, conferences, student research, and public education; and  
14           (~~(6)~~) (f) Creation of a neutral forum where parties with diverse  
15 interests are encouraged to address and resolve their conflicts.

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