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HOUSE BILL 2126

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By Representatives Holy, Blake, Kretz, Buys, Schmick, and Condotta

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1 AN ACT Relating to initiating the adaptive management program  
2 within the forests and fish law to ensure that no proposed timber  
3 harvest is negatively affected solely due to its proximity to a  
4 stream that is not a fish bearing stream; creating a new section; and  
5 providing an expiration date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The forest practices board must direct  
8 and engage the adaptive management process outlined in WAC  
9 222-12-045, and prioritize a work plan for the cooperative monitoring  
10 evaluation and research committee and the timber/fish/wildlife policy  
11 committee created in the same rule, to evaluate the stream typing  
12 system in the forest practices rules and ensure that no proposed  
13 timber harvest is denied, delayed, or conditioned solely on its  
14 proximity to a stream that is not a fish bearing stream. For the  
15 purposes of this section and the required adaptive management  
16 process, a "fish bearing stream" is a stream segment with any surface  
17 location where a measureable flow of water of one cubic foot per  
18 second or more exists for at least one period of thirty continuous  
19 days during the previous sixty months.

20 (2) By October 31, 2016, the forest practices board must issue a  
21 report to the legislature, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, that

1 details the adaptive management process required to be initiated  
2 under this section and the resulting changes to the forest practices  
3 rules that ensures no proposed timber harvest is denied, delayed, or  
4 conditioned solely on its proximity to a stream that is not a fish  
5 bearing stream. If no changes to the forest practices rules are  
6 completed by October 31, 2016, then the report required under this  
7 section must explain why a rule change was not necessary to  
8 accomplish the goals of this section.

9 (3) This section expires July 1, 2017.

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