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By Senators Rolfes, Van De Wege, Hawkins, and Takko; by request of Department of Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of forest practices
2 preapplication review; and adding a new section to chapter 76.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 76.09
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The board shall establish by rule a process by which
7 applicants may submit preapplications for department review of
8 proposed forest practices activities. A preapplication is not an
9 application to conduct forest practices activities under RCW
10 76.09.050 and forest landowners who submit a preapplication for
11 review are not required to pay a forest practices fee. Voluntary use
12 of this process is encouraged to help ensure applicants develop
13 complete applications for later submission under RCW 76.09.050.

14 (2)(a) A preapplication review is required for all proposed
15 forest practices activities involving: (i) Timber harvest or road
16 construction in or around potentially unstable slopes and landforms;
17 or (ii) timber harvest or road construction in or around snow
18 avalanche slopes.

19 (b) If an application submitted pursuant to RCW 76.09.050 is
20 determined by the department to have forest practices activities that
21 are required to have a preapplication review under this section, the

1 department shall terminate review of the application and initiate the
2 preapplication review process required in this section.

3 (3)(a) Completion of the preapplication review must provide the
4 preapplicant the department's determination that the reviewed
5 information regarding the proposed forest practices activities is
6 deemed sufficiently complete to be appropriately classified and
7 processed pursuant to RCW 76.09.050.

8 (b) Applicants may not be required to submit additional
9 information with applications submitted under RCW 76.09.050 for
10 information the department has deemed complete under this subsection.

11 (4) The department has up to thirty days from the date of receipt
12 of the preapplication to review and request additional information
13 from the applicant. When additional information is requested by the
14 department, the response time taken by the applicant to prepare and
15 submit the information does not count against the department's
16 thirty-day preapplication review period.

17 (5) Within forty-five days of completion of the preapplication
18 review, a forest landowner may submit the complete forest practices
19 application pursuant to RCW 76.09.050, which includes the
20 department's completed preapplication review of proposed forest
21 practices activities. An application that has not been submitted
22 within forty-five days after being deemed complete may be required to
23 be resubmitted for preapplication review under this section. After
24 the department has approved or denied the application under RCW
25 76.09.050(5), the department's decision may be reviewed under RCW
26 76.09.205.

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