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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5924** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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By Senators Fain and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to exchanging charitable, educational, penal, and
2 reformatory institutions trust lands for community and technical
3 college forest reserve lands; amending RCW 79.02.420; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.02.420 and 2003 c 334 s 225 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that the state's community and
9 technical colleges need a dedicated source of revenue to augment
10 other sources of capital improvement funding. The intent of this
11 section is to ensure that the forestland purchased under section 310,
12 chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess. and known as the community and
13 technical college forest reserve land base, is managed in perpetuity
14 and in the same manner as state forestlands for sustainable
15 commercial forestry and multiple use of lands consistent with RCW
16 79.10.120. These lands will also be managed to provide an outdoor
17 education and experience area for organized groups. The lands will
18 provide a source of revenue for the long-term capital improvement
19 needs of the state community and technical college system.

20 (2) There has been increasing pressure to convert forestlands
21 within areas of the state subject to population growth. Loss of

1 forestland in urbanizing areas reduces the production of forest
2 products and the available supply of open space, watershed
3 protection, habitat, and recreational opportunities. The land known
4 as the community and technical college forest reserve land base is
5 forever reserved from sale. However, the timber and other products on
6 the land may be sold, or the land may be leased in the same manner
7 and for the same purposes as authorized for state granted lands if
8 the department finds the sale or lease to be in the best interest of
9 this forest reserve land base and approves the terms and conditions
10 of the sale or lease.

11 (3) The land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW
12 79.17.020 may be used by the department to reposition land within the
13 community and technical college forest reserve land base consistent
14 with subsection (1) of this section.

15 (4) By June 30, 2019, the department must exchange land within
16 the community and technical college forest reserve for land of equal
17 value held for the benefit of charitable, educational, penal, and
18 reformatory institutions that is currently leased to certain
19 community and technical colleges under section 1, chapter 168, Laws
20 of 1985 and section 1, chapter 198, Laws of 2004. The department must
21 transfer the community and technical college forest reserve land that
22 the department acquires in the exchange out of the community and
23 technical college forest reserve, and the department must transfer
24 ownership of that land to the state board for community and technical
25 colleges to be managed for educational purposes.

26 (5) Up to twenty-five percent of the revenue from these lands, as
27 determined by the board, will be deposited in the forest development
28 account to reimburse the forest development account for expenditures
29 from the account for management of these lands.

30 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The community college forest reserve account, created
31 under section 310, chapter 16, Laws of 1990 1st ex. sess., is renamed
32 the community and technical college forest reserve account. The
33 remainder of the revenue from these lands must be deposited in the
34 community and technical college forest reserve account. Money in the
35 account may be appropriated by the legislature for the capital
36 improvement needs of the state community and technical college system
37 or to acquire additional forest reserve lands.

38 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
39 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2 effect immediately.

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