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By Representatives Brumsickle, Chappell, Buck, Cairnes, Sheldon, Honeyford, McMorris, Morris, Kessler, Delvin, Basich, Fuhrman, Regala, Schoesler, Mastin, Elliot, Johnson, D. Sommers, Boldt, Thompson and McMahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to habitat conservation plans; and adding a new  
2 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 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Forest practices consistent with a habitat conservation plan  
7 approved on or before the effective date of this act, by the secretary  
8 of the interior or commerce under 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq., and the  
9 endangered species act of 1973 as amended, shall be exempt from  
10 regulations and policies under this chapter, provided the proposed  
11 forest practice site is covered by the plan, and provided this  
12 exemption applies only to regulations and policies adopted primarily  
13 for the protection of one or more species, including unlisted species,  
14 covered by the plan. Such forest practices do not have the potential  
15 for a significant adverse impact on the environment but may be found to  
16 have the potential for a significant adverse impact due to other  
17 reasons under RCW 76.09.050.

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