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Sponsor(s): Senator Jacobsen

Brief Description: Providing for transferring federally granted higher education trust lands to other public uses.

**SB 6147 - DIGEST**

Provides that, by June 30, 2005, the department of natural resources shall transfer from trust status: (1) Certain agricultural college trust lands and scientific school trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by Washington State University, with a value of not less than sixty percent of the appropriation in this act;

(2) Certain university trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by the University of Washington, with a value of not less than twenty percent of the appropriation in this act; and

(3) Certain normal school trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College, with a value of not less than twenty percent of the appropriation in this act.

Provides that land purchased, transferred, or otherwise acquired by gift or exchange under this act shall be managed in perpetuity and in the same manner as state lands for sustainable commercial forestry and multiple use of lands consistent with RCW 79.10.120.

Provides that the land is reserved from sale, except that the timber and other products on the land may be sold, or the land may be leased in the same manner and for the same purposes as authorized for state granted lands if the department finds the sale or lease to be in the best interest of the state and approves the terms and conditions of the sale or lease.

Provides that the land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW 79.17.020 may be used by the department to reposition land.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the Gardner-Evans higher education construction account to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, solely for the purposes of this act.