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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there are
4 many challenges facing the forest sector, such as climate change, loss
5 of forest cover in rural and urban areas, forest health and fire risks,
6 the development of environmental service markets, the enhancement of
7 habitat and biodiversity, timber and water supply, restoration of
8 forest ecosystems, and the economic health of forest-dependent
9 communities that rely on the retention of working forests.

10 (2) The legislature further finds that these forest issues, which
11 occur in both rural and urban environments, and the approaches taken to
12 address the issues, transcend the expertise and mission of the
13 University of Washington school of forest resources and the associated
14 centers and cooperatives. While each of these centers and cooperatives
15 contribute expertise and resources, the structure and continuity for
16 the integrated, interdisciplinary approach needed to address these
17 complex issues is lacking.

18 (3) It is the intent of the legislature for the institute of forest
19 resources to provide the structure and continuity needed by drawing
20 contributions from the associated centers and cooperatives into a more
21 consolidated, collaborative, interdisciplinary, and integrated process
22 that is responsive to the critical issues confronting the forest
23 sector.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 76.44.070 and 2010 c 188 s 2 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 The legislature finds that there are many issues facing the forest
27 sector, such as climate change, forest health and fire, carbon
28 accounting, habitat and diversity, timber and water supplies, economic
29 competitiveness, and the economic health of forest dependent

1 communities. Enhancing the capability to effectively address these
2 forest issues is critical to the state of Washington. To meet this
3 need, the University of Washington school of forest resources will
4 continue to work with the various interests concerned with the state's
5 forest resources, including the legislature, state and federal
6 governments, environmental organizations, local communities, the timber
7 industry, and tribes, to improve these entities' ability to
8 competitively recruit, educate, and train a high quality workforce. In
9 order to meet these goals, it is important to our state, and in
10 particular the University of Washington, to continue to have strong
11 undergraduate and graduate programs in forestry and natural resources
12 to provide well-trained professionals to meet workforce needs.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 76.44.020 and 1988 c 81 s 21 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 The institute of forest resources shall be administered and
16 directed by the ((~~dean of the college~~)) director of the school of
17 forest resources ((~~of~~)) at the University of Washington ((~~who shall~~
18 ~~also be the director of the institute~~)).

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 76.44.030 and 1979 c 50 s 5 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) The institute of forest resources shall pursue coordinated
22 research and education related to the forest ((resource)) sector and
23 its multiple ((use)) components, including ((its)):

24 (a) Forest conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and
25 utilization; ((its))

26 (b) The evaluation of the economic, ecological, and societal value
27 of forest land ((use and the maintenance of its)) in both the rural and
28 urban environment;

29 (c) The manufacture and marketing of forest products, including
30 timber products, nontimber products, environmental services, and the
31 provision of recreation and aesthetic values.

32 (2) The institute of forest resources must seek to provide a
33 framework for identifying, prioritizing, funding, and conducting
34 interdisciplinary research critical to the forest sector and the
35 development of integrated, synthesized information and decision support

1 tools that improve the understanding of complex forestry issues for
2 stakeholders, policymakers, and other interested parties.

3 (3) In pursuit of these objectives, the institute of forest
4 resources is authorized to cooperate, when cooperation advances the
5 objectives listed in this section, with other entities, including but
6 not limited to:

7 (a) Universities(~~(7)~~);

8 (b) State and federal agencies(~~(, industrial institutions,)~~);

9 (c) Conservation and environmental organizations;

10 (d) Community and urban forestry organizations; and

11 (e) Domestic or foreign(~~(, where such cooperation advances these~~
12 objectives)) industrial and business institutions.

13 **Sec. 5.** RCW 76.44.050 and 1979 c 50 s 7 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1) The institute (~~(is authorized to)~~) of forest resources may
16 solicit (~~(and/or accept funds through)~~) gifts, grants, (~~(contracts, or~~
17 institutional consulting arrangements for the prosecution of any
18 research or education activity which it may undertake in pursuit of its
19 objectives)) conveyances, bequests, and devices, including both real or
20 personal property, in trust or otherwise, to be directed to the
21 institute for carrying out the objectives of the institute as provided
22 in this chapter.

23 (2) The institute of forest resources may solicit contracts for
24 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private
25 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other
26 sources deemed appropriate by the director of the institute.

27 (3) The institute of forest resources may utilize separately
28 appropriated funds of the University of Washington for the institute's
29 operations and activities.

30 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 (1) The director of the school of forest resources at the
33 University of Washington may, at the discretion of the director,
34 appoint and maintain an eleven-member policy advisory committee to
35 advise the director on policies for the institute of forest resources

1 that are consistent with the institute's objectives as provided in this
2 chapter.

3 (2) If activated, the membership of the policy advisory committee
4 must represent, to the extent possible, the various interests concerned
5 with the institute of forest resources, including state and federal
6 agencies, tribal governments, conservation and environmental
7 organizations, urban forestry interests, rural communities, industry,
8 and business.

9 (3) Members of the advisory committee may not receive any salary or
10 other compensation for service on the advisory committee. However,
11 each member may be compensated, at the discretion of the director of
12 the institute, for each day in actual attendance at or traveling to and
13 from meetings of the advisory committee in accordance with RCW
14 43.03.220 together with travel expenses in accordance with RCW
15 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 76.44 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The director of the school of forest resources at the University of
19 Washington shall coordinate the various cooperatives and centers within
20 the school of forest resources to promote a holistic, efficient, and
21 integrated approach that broadens the research and outreach programs
22 and addresses issues facing the forest sector."

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23 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "resources;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 76.44.070, 76.44.020,
25 76.44.030, and 76.44.050; adding new sections to chapter 76.44 RCW; and
26 creating a new section."

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