
SENATE BILL 5975

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By Senators Lovelett and Wagoner; by request of Department of Natural Resources

1 AN ACT Relating to the distribution of moneys derived from
2 certain state forestlands; and reenacting and amending RCW 79.64.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.64.110 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 315, 2017 3rd
5 sp.s. c 1 s 986, and 2017 c 248 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Any moneys derived from the lease of state forestlands or
8 from the sale of valuable materials, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or
9 fossils from those lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, or the
10 appraised value of these resources when transferred to a public
11 agency under RCW 79.22.060, except as provided in RCW 79.22.060(4),
12 must be distributed as follows:

13 (a) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.040 or by
14 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040:

15 (i) The expense incurred by the state for administration,
16 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed twenty-five percent,
17 which rate of percentage shall be determined by the board, must be
18 returned to the forest development account created in RCW 79.64.100.
19 During the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia, the board may
20 increase the twenty-five percent limitation up to twenty-seven
21 percent.

1 (ii) Any balance remaining must be paid to the county in which
2 the land is located or, for counties participating in a land pool
3 created under RCW 79.22.140, to each participating county
4 proportionate to its contribution of asset value to the land pool as
5 determined by the board. Payments made under this subsection are to
6 be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as otherwise provided in
7 this section, to the various funds in the same manner as general
8 taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment. However,
9 in order to test county flexibility in distributing state forestland
10 revenue, a county may in its discretion pay, distribute, and prorate
11 payments made under this subsection of moneys derived from state
12 forestlands acquired by exchange between the effective date of this
13 section and June 30, 2020, for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040,
14 within the same county, in the same manner as general taxes are paid
15 and distributed during the year of payment for the former state
16 forestlands that were subject to the exchange.

17 (iii) Any balance remaining, paid to a county with a population
18 of less than sixteen thousand, must first be applied to the reduction
19 of any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of the
20 county during the year of payment.

21 (iv) With regard to moneys remaining under this subsection
22 (1)(a), within seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the
23 department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be
24 distributed to the counties. The state treasurer shall distribute
25 funds to the counties four times per month, with no more than ten
26 days between each payment date.

27 (b) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.010 or by
28 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.010, except as provided
29 in RCW 79.64.120:

30 (i) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development
31 account.

32 (ii) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state
33 general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools,
34 to the county in which the land is located or, for counties
35 participating in a land pool created under RCW 79.22.140, to each
36 participating county proportionate to its contribution of asset value
37 to the land pool as determined by the board, and according to the
38 relative proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the
39 county. The portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall
40 be based on the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 (1) and

1 (2) and the levy rate for any maintenance and operation special
2 school levies. With regard to the portion to be distributed to the
3 counties, the department shall certify to the state treasurer the
4 amounts to be distributed within seven working days of receipt of the
5 money. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties
6 four times per month, with no more than ten days between each payment
7 date. The money distributed to the county must be paid, distributed,
8 and prorated to the various other funds in the same manner as general
9 taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment.

10 (2) A school district may transfer amounts deposited in its debt
11 service fund pursuant to this section into its capital projects fund
12 as authorized in RCW 28A.320.330.

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