

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2119**

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2019 Regular Session

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN STATE FOREST LANDS--PRORATED PAYMENTS BY COUNTY

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Yeas 66 Nays 31

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2019  
Yeas 42 Nays 6

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 8, 2019 3:53 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2119** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Morris and Lekanoff; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Read first time 02/25/19. Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

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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