1 AN ACT Relating to Yakima river basin water resource management; authorizing the acquisition of public lands by the department of 2. natural resources and management of community forest trust land to 3 preserve water basin function; amending RCW 90.38.005, 90.38.010, 4 90.38.900, 90.38.902, and 84.33.140; reenacting and amending RCW 5 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 90.38 RCW; 6 adding a new section to chapter 79.155 RCW; providing a contingent 7 effective date; providing an expiration date; and providing a 8 contingent expiration date. 9

- 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 11 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.38.005 and 1989 c 429 s 1 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
- 13 (1) The legislature finds that:
- 14 (a) Under present physical conditions in the Yakima river basin 15 there is an insufficient supply of <u>ground and surface</u> water to satisfy 16 the <u>present</u> needs of the basin, <u>and that the general health</u>, <u>welfare</u>, 17 <u>and safety of the people of the Yakima river basin depend upon the</u> 18 conservation, management, development, and optimum use of all the
- 19 basin's water resources;

- (b) ((Pursuant to P.L. 96-162,)) The future competition for water among municipal, domestic, industrial, agricultural, and instream water interests in the Yakima river basin will be intensified by continued population growth, and by changes in climate and precipitation anticipated to reduce the basin's snow pack and thereby reduce the total water supply available to existing water users, instream flows, and carryover storage;
- (c) To address the challenges described in this subsection, congress has enacted several bills to promote Yakima river basin water enhancement, each of which was urged for enactment by this state, the United States ((is now conducting)) has completed a study of ways to provide needed waters through improvements of the federal water project presently existing in the Yakima river basin, and federal, tribal, state, and local cooperators have developed an integrated water resource management plan for improving water supply, habitat, and stream flow conditions in the Yakima river basin;
- (d) As part of the Yakima river basin water enhancement project, the United States department of the interior's bureau of reclamation is now seeking funding to support implementation of the integrated water resource management plan for the Yakima river basin, which was jointly prepared by the Washington state department of ecology and the United States bureau of reclamation and published in a final programmatic environmental impact statement in March 2012;
- $((\frac{c}{c}))$ (e) The interests of the state will be served by developing programs, in cooperation with the United States and the various water users in the basin, that increase the overall ability to manage basin waters in order to better satisfy both present and future needs for water in the Yakima river basin;
- (f) The interests of the state will also be served through coordination of federal and state policies and procedures in order to develop and implement projects within the framework of the integrated water resource management plan for the Yakima river basin. The pace of integrated plan implementation over the long term depends upon adequate funding and is subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this purpose;
- 36 (g) The current real estate market provides opportunities to
 37 acquire community forest lands that are useful for protecting and
 38 enhancing watershed function at affordable prices.

- 1 (2) It is the purpose of this chapter, consistent with these 2 findings, to:
 - (a) Improve the ability of the state to work with the United States and various water users of the Yakima river basin in a program designed to satisfy both existing rights, and other presently unmet as well as future needs of the basin;
 - (b) Establish legislative intent to promote timely and effective implementation of the integrated plan in the Yakima river basin, and to promote the aggressive pursuit of water supply solutions that provide concurrent benefits to both instream and out-of-stream uses in the Yakima river basin as rapidly as possible; and
- 12 <u>(c) Take advantage of affordable real estate prices to acquire</u>
 13 <u>community forest lands that are useful for protecting and enhancing</u>
 14 watershed function.
- 15 (3) The provisions of this chapter apply only to waters of the Yakima river basin.
- 17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.38.010 and 1989 c 429 s 2 are each amended to read 18 as follows:
- 19 ((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,)) The definitions 20 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context 21 clearly requires otherwise.
- 22 (1) "Department" means the department of ecology.
- 23 (2) "Integrated plan" means the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan developed through a consensus-based approach 24 25 by a diverse work group of representatives of the Yakama Nation, 26 federal, state, county, and city governments, environmental organizations, and irrigation districts, which is to be implemented 27 consistent with congressional Yakima river basin water enhancement 28 project enactments and for which the final programmatic environmental 29 30 impact statement was made available for review through public notice published in the federal register (77 FR 12076 (2012)). 31
- 32 (3) "Net water savings" means the amount of water that through 33 hydrological analysis is determined to be conserved and usable for 34 other purposes without impairing existing water rights, reducing the 35 ability to deliver water, or reducing the supply of water that 36 otherwise would have been available to other water users.

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- $((\frac{3}{2}))$ $(\frac{4}{2})$ "Trust water right" means that portion of an existing water right, constituting net water savings, that is no longer required to be diverted for beneficial use due to the installation of a water conservation project that improves an existing system. The term "trust water right" also applies to any other water right acquired by the department under this chapter for management in the Yakima river basin trust water rights program.
- ((4))) (5) "Water conservation project" means any project funded to further the purposes of this chapter and that achieves physical or operational improvements of efficiency in existing systems for diversion, conveyance, or application of water under existing water rights.
- 13 (6) "Water supply facility permit and funding milestone" means a
 14 date prior to June 30, 2025, when required permits have been approved,
 15 and funding has been secured to begin construction on one or more water
 16 supply facilities designed to provide at least two hundred fourteen
 17 thousand acre feet of water to be used for instream and out-of-stream
 18 uses.
- 19 (7) "Yakima river basin water enhancement project" means a series of congressional enactments, originally initiated by the United States 20 21 congress in 1979 under P.L. 96-162, with subsequent federal 22 implementing legislation being passed in 1984 under section 109 of P.L. 23 98-381 to promote fish passage improvements, and in 1994 under P.L. 24 103-434, as amended by P.L. 105-62 in 1997 and P.L. 106-372 in 2000, to promote water conservation, water supply, habitat, and stream 25 26 enhancement improvements in the Yakima river basin.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:
 - The department is authorized to implement the integrated water resource management plan in the Yakima river basin, through a coordinated effort of affected federal, state, and local agencies and resources, to develop water supply solutions that provide concurrent benefits to both instream and out-of-stream uses, and to address a variety of water resource and ecosystem problems affecting fish passage, habitat functions, and agricultural, municipal, and domestic water supply in the Yakima river basin, consistent with the integrated plan.

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- (1) Authorized department actions include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Accepting funds from any entity, public or private, as necessary to implement the objectives of this chapter;
- (b) Assessing, planning, and developing projects under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan, or for any other action designed to provide access to new water supplies within the Yakima river basin, consistent with the integrated plan and including but not limited to: Enhanced water conservation and efficiency measures, water reallocation markets, in-basin surface and groundwater storage facilities, fish passage at existing in-basin reservoirs, structural and operational modifications to existing facilities, habitat protection and restoration, and general watershed enhancements as necessary to implement the objectives of this chapter and the integrated plan; and
- (c) Entering into contracts to ensure the effective delivery of water and to provide for the design and construction of facilities necessary to implement the objectives of the integrated plan and this chapter.
- (2) Consistent with the integrated plan, the goals and objectives of department actions authorized under this chapter include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife through improved water management; improved instream flows; improved water quality; protection, creation, and enhancement of wetlands; improved fish passage, and by other appropriate means of habitat improvement, including the protection and enhancement of natural wetlands, floodplains, and groundwater storage systems;
- (b) Improved water availability and reliability, and improved efficiency of water delivery and use, to enhance basin water supplies for agricultural irrigation, municipal, commercial, industrial, domestic, and environmental water uses;
- (c) Establishment of more efficient water markets and more effective operational and structural changes to manage variability of water supplies and to prepare for the uncertainties of climate change, including but not limited to the facilitation of water banking, water right transfers, dry year options, the voluntary sale and lease of land, water, or water rights from any entity or individual willing to limit or forego water use on a temporary or permanent basis, and any

- other innovative water allocation tools used to maximize the utility of existing Yakima river basin water supplies, as long as the establishment and use of these tools is consistent with the integrated plan.
- (3) Water supplies secured through the development of new storage 5 6 facilities or expansion of existing storage facilities made possible 7 with funding from the Yakima integrated plan implementation account, 8 the Yakima integrated plan implementation taxable bond account, and the 9 Yakima integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account must be 10 allocated for out-of-stream uses and to augment instream flows 11 consistent with the Yakima river basin integrated water resource 12 management plan. Water to be made available to benefit out-of-stream 13 uses under this subsection, but not yet appropriated, must be temporarily available to augment instream flows to the extent that it 14 15 does not impair existing water rights and is consistent with the integrated plan. 16
 - NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The Yakima integrated plan implementation account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from direct appropriations from the legislature, moneys directed to the account pursuant to this chapter, or moneys directed to the account from any other sources must be deposited in the account. The account is intended to fund projects using tax exempt bonds. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only as provided in this section. Interest earned by deposits in the account will be retained in the account.
 - (2) Expenditures from the account created in this section may be used to assess, plan, and develop projects under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan or for any other actions designed to provide access to new water supplies within the Yakima river basin for both instream and out-of-stream uses, consistent with the integrated plan and the authorities, goals, and objectives set forth in section 3 of this act.
- 35 (3)(a) Funds may not be expended from the account for the 36 construction of a new storage facility until the department evaluates 37 the following:

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- 2 (ii) The quantity of water necessary to meet the needs of those uses;
 - (iii) The benefits and costs to the state of serving those uses, including short-term and long-term economic, cultural, and environmental effects; and
 - (iv) Alternative means of supplying water to meet those uses, including the costs of those alternatives and an analysis of the extent to which the long-term water supply needs are able to be met using those alternatives.
 - (b) The department may rely on studies and information developed through compliance with other state and federal requirements and other sources. The department shall compile its findings and conclusions and provide a summary of the information it reviewed.
 - (c) Before finalizing its evaluation under the provisions of this subsection, the department shall make the preliminary evaluation available to the public. Public comment may be made to the department within thirty days of the date the preliminary evaluation is made public.
 - (4) For water supplies developed under the integrated plan to support future municipal and domestic water needs, the department shall give preference to other entities in managing water service contracts. Where the department determines that the management of such contracts by other entities is not feasible or suitable, the department may enter into water service contracts with applicants receiving water from the program to recover all or a portion of the cost of developing water supplies made possible with funding from the account created in this The department may deny an application if the applicant does not enter into a water service contract. Revenue collected from water service contracts must be deposited into the Yakima integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account created in section 6 of this The department may adopt rules describing the methodology as to how charges will be established and direct costs recovered for water supply developed under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan implementation program.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The Yakima integrated plan implementation taxable bond account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from direct appropriations from the legislature, moneys directed to the account pursuant to this chapter, or moneys directed to the account from any other sources must be deposited in the account. The account is intended to fund projects using taxable bonds. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only as provided in this section. Interest earned by deposits in the account will be retained in the account.
 - (2) Expenditures from the account created in this section may be used to assess, plan, and develop projects under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan or for any other actions designed to provide access to new water supplies within the Yakima river basin for both instream and out-of-stream uses, consistent with the integrated plan and the authorities, goals, and objectives set forth in section 3 of this act.
 - (3)(a) Funds may not be expended from the account for the construction of a new storage facility until the department evaluates the following:
 - (i) Water uses to be served by the facility;
- 21 (ii) The quantity of water necessary to meet the needs of those 22 uses;
 - (iii) The benefits and costs to the state of serving those uses, including short-term and long-term economic, cultural, and environmental effects; and
 - (iv) Alternative means of supplying water to meet those uses, including the costs of those alternatives and an analysis of the extent to which the long-term water supply needs are able to be met using those alternatives.
 - (b) The department may rely on studies and information developed through compliance with other state and federal requirements and other sources. The department shall compile its findings and conclusions and provide a summary of the information it reviewed.
- 34 (c) Before finalizing its evaluation under the provisions of this 35 subsection, the department shall make the preliminary evaluation 36 available to the public. Public comment may be made to the department 37 within thirty days of the date the preliminary evaluation is made 38 public.

- (4) For water supplies developed under the integrated plan to 1 2 support future municipal and domestic water needs, the department shall give preference to other entities in managing water service contracts. 3 Where the department determines that the management of such contracts 4 by other entities is not feasible or suitable, the department may enter 5 into water service contracts with applicants receiving water from the 6 7 program to recover all or a portion of the cost of developing water 8 supplies made possible with funding from the account created in this 9 The department may deny an application if the applicant does 10 not enter into a water service contract. Revenue collected from water 11 service contracts must be deposited into the Yakima integrated plan 12 implementation revenue recovery account created in section 6 of this 13 The department may adopt rules describing the methodology as to how charges will be established and direct costs recovered for water 14 15 supply developed under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource 16 management plan implementation program.
 - <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The Yakima integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from direct appropriations from the legislature, moneys directed to the account pursuant to this chapter, or moneys directed to the account from any other sources must be deposited in the account. The account is intended to fund projects using revenues from water service contracts as authorized in this chapter. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only as provided in this section. Interest earned by deposits in the account will be retained in the account.
 - (2) Expenditures from the account created in this section may be used to assess, plan, and develop projects under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan or for any other actions designed to provide access to new water supplies within the Yakima river basin for both instream and out-of-stream uses, consistent with the integrated plan and the authorities, goals, and objectives set forth in section 3 of this act.
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 - (iii) The benefits and costs to the state of serving those uses, including short-term and long-term economic, cultural, and environmental effects; and
 - (iv) Alternative means of supplying water to meet those uses, including the costs of those alternatives and an analysis of the extent to which the long-term water supply needs are able to be met using those alternatives.
 - (b) The department may rely on studies and information developed through compliance with other state and federal requirements and other sources. The department shall compile its findings and conclusions and provide a summary of the information it reviewed.
 - (c) Before finalizing its evaluation under the provisions of this subsection, the department shall make the preliminary evaluation available to the public. Public comment may be made to the department within thirty days of the date the preliminary evaluation is made public.
 - (4) For water supplies developed under the integrated plan to support future municipal and domestic water needs in the Yakima basin, the department shall give preference to other entities in managing water service contracts. Where the department determines that the management of such contracts by other entities is not feasible or suitable, the department may enter into water service contracts with applicants receiving water from the program to recover all or a portion of the cost of developing water supplies made possible with funding from the account created in this section. The department may deny an application if the applicant does not enter into a water service Revenue collected from water service contracts must be deposited into the Yakima integrated plan implementation revenue recovery account created in this section. The department may adopt rules describing the methodology as to how charges will be established and direct costs recovered for water supply developed under the Yakima river basin integrated water resource management plan implementation program.

- 1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 90.38.900 and 1989 c 429 s 7 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- The policies and purposes of this chapter shall not be construed as replacing or amending the policies or the purposes for which funds available under chapter 43.83B ((or)), 43.99E, or 90.90 RCW may be used within or without the Yakima river basin.
- 7 **Sec. 8.** RCW 90.38.902 and 1989 c 429 s 9 are each amended to read 8 as follows:
- 9 <u>(1)</u> Nothing in this chapter shall authorize the impairment <u>of</u>, or operate to impair, any existing water rights.
- 11 (2) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to limit, impair, 12 waive, abrogate, or diminish:
- 13 (a) Any treaty or other rights of the Yakama Nation;
- (b) Any powers, rights, or authorities conferred upon irrigation
 districts under existing law;
- (c) Any rights or jurisdictions of the United States, the state of
 Washington, or other person or entity over waters in the Yakima river
 basin.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) By December 1, 2015, and by December 1st of every odd-numbered 21 22 year thereafter, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the department, in consultation with the United States bureau of reclamation, the 23 24 Yakama Nation, Yakima river basin local governments, and key basin 25 stakeholders, shall provide a Yakima river basin integrated water 26 management plan implementation status report legislature and to the governor that includes: A description of 27 measures that have been funded and implemented in the Yakima river 28 basin and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of this act, a 29 30 project funding list that represents the state's percentage cost share to implement the integrated plan measures for the current biennium and 31 cost estimates for subsequent biennia, a description of progress toward 32 33 concurrent realization of the integrated plan's fish passage, watershed 34 enhancement, and water supply goals, and an annual summary of all 35 associated costs to develop and implement projects within the framework

- of the integrated water resource management plan for the Yakima river basin.
- (2) The status report required in this section for December 1, 3 4 2021, must include a statement of progress in achieving the water supply facility permit and funding milestone, as defined in RCW 5 90.38.010. If, after a good faith effort to achieve the water supply 6 7 facility permit and funding milestone, it appears that the milestone 8 cannot or may not be met, the department, in consultation with the 9 United States bureau of reclamation, the Yakama Nation, Yakima river 10 basin local governments, and key basin stakeholders, shall provide a detailed description of the impediments to achieving the milestone, 11 12 describe the strategy for resolving the identified impediments, and, if 13 necessary, recommend modifications to the milestone.
 - (3) This section expires December 31, 2045.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 90.38 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of natural resources is authorized to purchase land to be held in the community forest trust under RCW 79.155.040 to serve the purposes of the community forest trust including the protection of Yakima river basin functioning, without complying with the requirements of RCW 79.155.030(1), 79.155.060, or 79.155.070, relating to the identification, prioritization, local commitment, and financial contribution normally prerequisite nominating and acquiring community forest trust lands. The purchase must be reviewed and approved by the board of natural resources. its evaluation of this acquisition pursuant to RCW 79.155.040(3), the board is relieved from considering the criteria for identifying and prioritizing land set forth in RCW 79.155.050. Once purchased, the land must be managed by the department of natural resources in consultation with the department of fish and wildlife. Any investment in the land purchase with funds belonging to the common school trust constitutes a loan from the irreducible principal of the common school trust and may only be made if first determined to be a prudent investment by the board of natural resources. An annual interest payment on the loan of nine percent must be paid, with six percent deposited into the common school construction account and three percent

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- deposited into the real property replacement account. Interest begins to accrue on the date the land purchase is completed and is due and payable July 1st following the completion of the state fiscal year. The principal of the loan must be repaid in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.
- 6 (2) The land purchased under this authority must be managed under 7 a transitional postacquisition management plan during the period 8 between the date of purchase and the water supply facility permit and funding milestone or until June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner. 9 10 plan must be consistent with RCW 79.155.080(1), provided that the lands acquired as community forest trust lands are not required to generate 11 12 financial support for their management as would otherwise be required 13 by RCW 79.155.020(2), 79.155.030(2)(d), and 79.155.080(3), and provided 14 further that the authority granted to the department to divest of the property under RCW 79.155.080(4) does not apply to these lands. 15 16 department of natural resources must develop the transitional 17 postacquisition management plan in consultation with the department of 18 fish and wildlife.
 - (a) The plan must ensure that the land is managed in a manner that is consistent with the Yakima basin integrated plan principles for forest land acquisitions, including the following:
- 22 (i) To protect and enhance the water supply and protect the 23 watershed;
 - (ii) To maintain working lands for forestry and grazing while protecting key watershed functions and aquatic habitat;
 - (iii) To maintain and where possible expand recreational opportunities consistent with watershed protection, for activities such as hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, camping, birding, and snowmobiling;
 - (iv) To conserve and restore vital habitat for fish, including steelhead, spring chinook, and bull trout, and wildlife, including deer, elk, large predators, and spotted owls; and
 - (v) To support a strong community partnership, in which the Yakama Nation, residents, business owners, local governments, conservation groups, and others provide advice about ongoing land management.
- 36 (b) The department of natural resources, in consultation with the 37 department of fish and wildlife, must establish the Teanaway community 38 forest advisory committee that includes representatives from the

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- department of ecology, the local community, land conservation organizations, the Yakama Nation, the Kittitas county commission, and local agricultural interests.
 - (c) By June 30, 2015, the department of natural resources must complete the transitional postacquisition management plan with a public process that involves interested stakeholders, particularly residents from Kittitas county, friends of the Teanaway, back country horsemen, off-road vehicle and snowmobile users, a representative from Kittitas field and stream, hikers and wildlife watchers, and ranchers who graze cattle.
 - (3) After the water supply facility permit and funding milestone or June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner, the land must be disposed of in the following manner:
 - (a) If the water supply facility permit and funding milestone conditions have been met, the land remains in the community forest trust and the transitional postacquisition management plan must be converted to a permanent postacquisition management plan with whatever updates and amendments are periodically adopted. Under these conditions, the remaining principal of any investment in the land purchased with funds belonging to the common school trust must be repaid to the real property replacement account.
 - (b) If the water supply facility permit and funding milestone conditions have not been met, the board of natural resources must decide between the following dispositions of the land:
 - (i) Deposit of the entire amount of land purchased into the ownership of the common school trust for management or disposition for the benefit of the common schools; or
- 28 (ii) Disposition under the terms of (a) of this subsection.
- **Sec. 11.** RCW 84.33.140 and 2012 c 170 s 1 are each amended to read 30 as follows:
- 31 (1) When land has been designated as forest land under RCW 84.33.130, a notation of the designation must be made each year upon the assessment and tax rolls. A copy of the notice of approval together with the legal description or assessor's parcel numbers for the land must, at the expense of the applicant, be filed by the assessor in the same manner as deeds are recorded.

(2) In preparing the assessment roll as of January 1, 2002, for taxes payable in 2003 and each January 1st thereafter, the assessor must list each parcel of designated forest land at a value with respect to the grade and class provided in this subsection and adjusted as provided in subsection (3) of this section. The assessor must compute the assessed value of the land using the same assessment ratio applied generally in computing the assessed value of other property in the county. Values for the several grades of bare forest land are as follows:

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17	2	2	190
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25	4	2	114
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- (3) On or before December 31, 2001, the department must adjust by rule under chapter 34.05 RCW, the forest land values contained in subsection (2) of this section in accordance with this subsection, and must certify the adjusted values to the assessor who will use these values in preparing the assessment roll as of January 1, 2002. For the adjustment to be made on or before December 31, 2001, for use in the 2002 assessment year, the department must:
- (a) Divide the aggregate value of all timber harvested within the state between July 1, 1996, and June 30, 2001, by the aggregate harvest volume for the same period, as determined from the harvester excise tax returns filed with the department under RCW 84.33.074; and
- (b) Divide the aggregate value of all timber harvested within the state between July 1, 1995, and June 30, 2000, by the aggregate harvest volume for the same period, as determined from the harvester excise tax returns filed with the department under RCW 84.33.074; and
- (c) Adjust the forest land values contained in subsection (2) of this section by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage change in the average values of harvested timber reflected by comparing the resultant values calculated under (a) and (b) of this subsection.
- (4) For the adjustments to be made on or before December 31, 2002, and each succeeding year thereafter, the same procedure described in subsection (3) of this section must be followed using harvester excise tax returns filed under RCW 84.33.074. However, this adjustment must be made to the prior year's adjusted value, and the five-year periods for calculating average harvested timber values must be successively one year more recent.
- (5) Land graded, assessed, and valued as forest land must continue to be so graded, assessed, and valued until removal of designation by the assessor upon the occurrence of any of the following:
 - (a) Receipt of notice from the owner to remove the designation;
- 35 (b) Sale or transfer to an ownership making the land exempt from ad 36 valorem taxation;

- (c) Sale or transfer of all or a portion of the land to a new 1 2 owner, unless the new owner has signed a notice of forest land designation continuance, except transfer to an owner who is an heir or 3 4 devisee of a deceased owner, does not, by itself, result in removal of designation. The signed notice of continuance must be attached to the 5 real estate excise tax affidavit provided for in RCW 82.45.150. 6 7 notice of continuance must be on a form prepared by the department. 8 the notice of continuance is not signed by the new owner and attached to the real estate excise tax affidavit, all compensating taxes 9 calculated under subsection (11) of this section are due and payable by 10 the seller or transferor at time of sale. The auditor may not accept 11 12 an instrument of conveyance regarding designated forest land for filing 13 or recording unless the new owner has signed the notice of continuance 14 or the compensating tax has been paid, as evidenced by the real estate excise tax stamp affixed thereto by the treasurer. 15 The seller, 16 transferor, or new owner may appeal the new assessed valuation calculated under subsection (11) of this section to the county board of 17 equalization in accordance with the provisions of RCW 84.40.038. 18 19 Jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the county board of equalization to hear these appeals; 20
 - (d) Determination by the assessor, after giving the owner written notice and an opportunity to be heard, that:
 - (i) The land is no longer primarily devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber. However, land may not be removed from designation if a governmental agency, organization, or other recipient identified in subsection (13) or (14) of this section as exempt from the payment of compensating tax has manifested its intent in writing or by other official action to acquire a property interest in the designated forest land by means of a transaction that qualifies for an exemption under subsection (13) or (14) of this section. The governmental agency, organization, or recipient must annually provide the assessor of the county in which the land is located reasonable evidence in writing of the intent to acquire the designated land as long as the intent continues or within sixty days of a request by the assessor. The assessor may not request this evidence more than once in a calendar year;
- 37 (ii) The owner has failed to comply with a final administrative or 38 judicial order with respect to a violation of the restocking, forest

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management, fire protection, insect and disease control, and forest debris provisions of Title 76 RCW or any applicable rules under Title RCW; or

- (iii) Restocking has not occurred to the extent or within the time specified in the application for designation of such land.
- (6) Land may not be removed from designation if there is a governmental restriction that prohibits, in whole or in part, the owner from harvesting timber from the owner's designated forest land. If only a portion of the parcel is impacted by governmental restrictions of this nature, the restrictions cannot be used as a basis to remove the remainder of the forest land from designation under this chapter. For the purposes of this section, "governmental restrictions" includes:

 (a) Any law, regulation, rule, ordinance, program, or other action adopted or taken by a federal, state, county, city, or other governmental entity; or (b) the land's zoning or its presence within an urban growth area designated under RCW 36.70A.110.
- (7) The assessor has the option of requiring an owner of forest land to file a timber management plan with the assessor upon the occurrence of one of the following:
 - (a) An application for designation as forest land is submitted; or
- (b) Designated forest land is sold or transferred and a notice of continuance, described in subsection (5)(c) of this section, is signed.
- (8) If land is removed from designation because of any of the circumstances listed in subsection (5)(a) through (c) of this section, the removal applies only to the land affected. If land is removed from designation because of subsection (5)(d) of this section, the removal applies only to the actual area of land that is no longer primarily devoted to the growing and harvesting of timber, without regard to any other land that may have been included in the application and approved for designation, as long as the remaining designated forest land meets the definition of forest land contained in RCW 84.33.035.
- (9) Within thirty days after the removal of designation as forest land, the assessor must notify the owner in writing, setting forth the reasons for the removal. The seller, transferor, or owner may appeal the removal to the county board of equalization in accordance with the provisions of RCW 84.40.038.
- 37 (10) Unless the removal is reversed on appeal a copy of the notice 38 of removal with a notation of the action, if any, upon appeal, together

with the legal description or assessor's parcel numbers for the land removed from designation must, at the expense of the applicant, be filed by the assessor in the same manner as deeds are recorded and a notation of removal from designation must immediately be made upon the assessment and tax rolls. The assessor must revalue the land to be removed with reference to its true and fair value as of January 1st of the year of removal from designation. Both the assessed value before and after the removal of designation must be listed. Taxes based on the value of the land as forest land are assessed and payable up until the date of removal and taxes based on the true and fair value of the land are assessed and payable from the date of removal from designation.

(11) Except as provided in subsection (5)(c), (13), or (14) of this section, a compensating tax is imposed on land removed from designation as forest land. The compensating tax is due and payable to the treasurer thirty days after the owner is notified of the amount of this As soon as possible after the land is removed from designation, the assessor must compute the amount of compensating tax and mail a notice to the owner of the amount of compensating tax owed and the date on which payment of this tax is due. The amount of compensating tax is equal to the difference between the amount of tax last levied on the land as designated forest land and an amount equal to the new assessed value of the land multiplied by the dollar rate of the last levy extended against the land, multiplied by a number, in no event greater than nine, equal to the number of years for which the land was designated as forest land, plus compensating taxes on the land at forest land values up until the date of removal and the prorated taxes on the land at true and fair value from the date of removal to the end of the current tax year.

(12) Compensating tax, together with applicable interest thereon, becomes a lien on the land, which attaches at the time the land is removed from designation as forest land and has priority and must be fully paid and satisfied before any recognizance, mortgage, judgment, debt, obligation, or responsibility to or with which the land may become charged or liable. The lien may be foreclosed upon expiration of the same period after delinquency and in the same manner provided by law for foreclosure of liens for delinquent real property taxes as provided in RCW 84.64.050. Any compensating tax unpaid on its due date

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- will thereupon become delinquent. From the date of delinquency until paid, interest is charged at the same rate applied by law to delinquent ad valorem property taxes.
 - (13) The compensating tax specified in subsection (11) of this section may not be imposed if the removal of designation under subsection (5) of this section resulted solely from:
 - (a) Transfer to a government entity in exchange for other forest land located within the state of Washington;
 - (b) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or sale or transfer to an entity having the power of eminent domain in anticipation of the exercise of such power;
- 12 (c) A donation of fee title, development rights, or the right to 13 harvest timber, to a government agency or organization qualified under 14 RCW 84.34.210 and 64.04.130 for the purposes enumerated in those sections, or the sale or transfer of fee title to a governmental entity 15 16 or a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation, as defined in RCW 17 64.04.130, exclusively for the protection and conservation of lands recommended for state natural area preserve purposes by the natural 18 heritage council and natural heritage plan as defined in chapter 79.70 19 20 RCW or approved for state natural resources conservation area purposes 21 as defined in chapter 79.71 RCW, or for acquisition and management as 22 a community forest trust as defined in chapter 79.155 RCW. time as the land is not used for the purposes enumerated, the 23 24 compensating tax specified in subsection (11) of this section is 25 imposed upon the current owner;
 - (d) The sale or transfer of fee title to the parks and recreation commission for park and recreation purposes;
 - (e) Official action by an agency of the state of Washington or by the county or city within which the land is located that disallows the present use of the land;
- 31 (f) The creation, sale, or transfer of forestry riparian easements 32 under RCW 76.13.120;
 - (g) The creation, sale, or transfer of a conservation easement of private forest lands within unconfined channel migration zones or containing critical habitat for threatened or endangered species under RCW 76.09.040;
- 37 (h) The sale or transfer of land within two years after the death 38 of the owner of at least a fifty percent interest in the land if the

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- land has been assessed and valued as classified forest land, designated as forest land under this chapter, or classified under chapter 84.34 RCW continuously since 1993. The date of death shown on a death certificate is the date used for the purposes of this subsection (13)(h); or
 - (i)(i) The discovery that the land was designated under this chapter in error through no fault of the owner. For purposes of this subsection (13)(i), "fault" means a knowingly false or misleading statement, or other act or omission not in good faith, that contributed to the approval of designation under this chapter or the failure of the assessor to remove the land from designation under this chapter.
 - (ii) For purposes of this subsection (13), the discovery that land was designated under this chapter in error through no fault of the owner is not the sole reason for removal of designation under subsection (5) of this section if an independent basis for removal exists. An example of an independent basis for removal includes the land no longer being devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber.
 - (14) In a county with a population of more than six hundred thousand inhabitants or in a county with a population of at least two hundred forty-five thousand inhabitants that borders Puget Sound as defined in RCW 90.71.010, the compensating tax specified in subsection (11) of this section may not be imposed if the removal of designation as forest land under subsection (5) of this section resulted solely from:
 - (a) An action described in subsection (13) of this section; or
 - (b) A transfer of a property interest to a government entity, or to a nonprofit historic preservation corporation or nonprofit nature conservancy corporation, as defined in RCW 64.04.130, to protect or enhance public resources, or to preserve, maintain, improve, restore, limit the future use of, or otherwise to conserve for public use or enjoyment, the property interest being transferred. At such time as the property interest is not used for the purposes enumerated, the compensating tax is imposed upon the current owner.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 79.155 RCW to read as follows:
- The state treasurer, on behalf of the department, must distribute

to counties for all lands acquired from private landowners for the purposes of this chapter an amount in lieu of real property taxes equal to the amount of tax that would be due if the land were taxable as open space land under chapter 84.34 RCW except taxes levied for any state purpose, plus an additional amount equal to the amount of weed control assessment that would be due if such lands were privately owned. county assessor and county legislative authority shall assist in determining the appropriate calculation of the amount of tax that would The county shall distribute the amount received under this section in lieu of real property taxes to all property taxing districts except the state in appropriate tax code areas the same way it would distribute local property taxes from private property. The county shall distribute the amount received under this section for weed control to the appropriate weed district.

- **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2013 c 251 s 3 and 2013 c 96 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
 - (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which account is hereby established in the state treasury.
 - (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
 - (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository,

- safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
 - (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:
- The following accounts and funds shall receive their 10 (a) 11 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 12 average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the 13 aircraft search and rescue account, the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel 14 replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the 15 Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central 16 17 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the cleanup 18 19 settlement account, the Columbia river basin water supply development 20 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply development 21 account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue recovery 22 account, the common school construction fund, the county arterial 23 preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance account, 24 deferred compensation administrative account, the compensation principal account, the department of licensing services 25 26 account, the department of retirement systems expense account, the 27 developmental disabilities community trust account, the drinking water assistance account, the drinking water assistance administrative 28 29 account, the drinking water assistance repayment account, the Eastern 30 Washington University capital projects account, the Interstate 405 express toll lanes operations account, the education construction fund, 31 32 the education legacy trust account, the election account, the energy 33 freedom account, the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State College capital projects 34 35 account, the federal forest revolving account, the ferry bond 36 retirement fund, the freight mobility investment account, the freight 37 mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the 38 public health services account, the high capacity transportation

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- (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance for the period.
- (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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 - (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash management improvement The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
 - (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
 - (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury income account except:
 - (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the aircraft search and rescue account, the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the

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- 2 the Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State
- 3 University building account, the Washington State University bond
- 4 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration
- 5 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, ((and)) the
- 6 Western Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima
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- 8 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated plan
- 9 implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from investing
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- 11 permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the scientific
- 12 permanent fund, the state university permanent fund, and the state
- 13 reclamation revolving account shall be allocated to their respective
- 14 beneficiary accounts.
- 15 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
- or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury that
- deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury pursuant to
- 18 an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall receive its
- 19 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
- 20 average daily balance for the period.
- 21 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
- 22 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
- 23 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. Section 13 of this act expires if the
- 25 requirements set out in section 7, chapter 36, Laws of 2012 are met.
- 26 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 16.** Section 14 of this act takes effect if the
- 27 requirements set out in section 7, chapter 36, Laws of 2012 are met.

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