

program operations of an agency or a major administrative division thereof, the personnel board shall grant the request and such determination shall be final. The total number of additional exemptions permitted under this subsection shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five for those agencies not directly under the authority of any elected public official other than the governor, and shall not exceed a total of twenty-five for all agencies under the authority of elected public officials other than the governor. The state personnel board shall report to each regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year all exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, together with the reasons for such exemptions.

The salary and fringe benefits of all positions presently or hereafter exempted except for the chief executive officer of each agency, full time members of boards and commissions, administrative assistants and confidential secretaries in the immediate office of an elected state official, and the personnel listed in subsections (10) through ~~((+9))~~ (21) of this section, shall be determined by the state personnel board.

Any person holding a classified position subject to the provisions of this chapter shall, when and if such position is subsequently exempted from the application of this chapter, be afforded the following rights:

If such person previously held permanent status in another classified position, such person shall have a right of reversion to the highest class of position previously held, or to a position of similar nature and salary.

Sec. 3. Section 43.88.240, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.88.240 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall not apply to the Washington state apple advertising commission, the Washington state fruit commission, the Washington tree fruit research commission, the Washington state beef commission, the Washington state dairy products commission, or any agricultural commodity commission created under the provisions of chapters 15.65 and 15.66 RCW; PROVIDED, That all such commissions shall submit estimates and such other necessary information as may be required for the development of the budget and shall also be subject to audit by the appropriate state auditing agency or officer.

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CHAPTER 226

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3945]

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE—GOVERNOR'S SELECT COMMITTEE

AN ACT Relating to the Columbia River Gorge; and creating new sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that the Columbia River Gorge area provides the citizens of this state with unique aesthetic, recreational, and historic benefits through the area's diversity of scenic beauty, variety of life-forms, and significant role in the history of the nation, this region, and this state. The legislature, therefore, declares that the preservation of special characteristics of the Columbia River Gorge beginning at the western-most boundary of the Columbia River Gorge as described in RCW 43.97.090 and extending easterly to include all of Section 17 and the west halves of Sections 9 and 4 in Township 2 North, Range 13 East, and any other area designated by law is a public purpose.

It is the intent of the legislature to authorize the establishment of a select committee to examine, in detail, the unique characteristics contributing to the scenic, natural, and historical value of the area. It is further the intent of the legislature that the committee herein established explore the range of uses of the area that are consistent with preserving the sensitive characteristics of the Columbia River Gorge area. The legislature also recognizes the importance of preserving the property interests of area residents, maintaining decision-making at the local level to the maximum extent possible, and supporting economic development activities compatible with the objectives of preservation of the unique values of the Gorge.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is hereby created a Governor's Select Committee on the Columbia River Gorge to thoroughly examine the need to protect and preserve the special and unique scenic, natural, and historic features of the Gorge area and to make specific recommendations to the governor and the legislature as to how such preservation can be carried out most effectively, expeditiously, and with the maximum local involvement and decision-making consistent with agreed objectives.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The Governor's Select Committee shall be composed of the following:

(1) Two members from the Washington Columbia River Gorge Commission including the chairman, appointed by the governor;

(2) One county commissioner from each of the counties in the Columbia River Gorge area appointed by the respective county commissioners;

(3) One member representing the governor, appointed by the governor, who shall be the chairman of the committee;

(4) One member from the state senate who shall be a nonvoting member, appointed by the president of the senate, serving from a district in which the Gorge is located;

(5) Two members from the house of representatives who shall be nonvoting members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, serving from a district in which the Gorge is located; and

(6) One member from the public at large appointed by the governor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The select committee on the Columbia River Gorge shall have the following responsibilities to:

- (1) Undertake a comprehensive analysis of the management alternatives available to the states of Washington and Oregon regarding the preservation of the Columbia River Gorge;
- (2) Elicit the views of all interested parties and individuals during the analysis of management options;
- (3) Prepare an inventory of sensitive lands which contain intrinsic value and develop a classification system for such lands;
- (4) Coordinate with the Columbia River Gorge Commission in the carrying out of the committee's responsibilities under this section, including the identification of sensitive lands indicated in subsection (3) of this section;
- (5) Coordinate the committee's study with affected and interested federal agencies, state agencies, local government agencies, other public entities, and private groups and individuals; and
- (6) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations including findings and recommendations about a preferred alternative approach to the management and protection of the Gorge area to the governor and the legislature no later than December 1, 1981.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The committee is authorized to work with any similar committee established by the Oregon legislature or executive action by the governor which has similar responsibilities and duties. Cooperation and coordination between the Governor's Select Committee on the Columbia River Gorge and any similar committee established in Oregon shall be maximized in order to determine how a unified approach to carrying out gorge preservation objectives can be achieved.

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CHAPTER 227

[Senate Bill No. 4027]

SALMON CHARTER BOAT DECKHANDS—SALMON ROE SALES

AN ACT Relating to deckhands of salmon charter boats; amending section 75.04.070, chapter 12, Laws of 1955 and RCW 75.04.070; adding a new section to chapter 75.12 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 75.28 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 75.12 RCW a new section to read as follows: