

CHAPTER 177.

[S. B. 273.]

STATE INSTITUTE OF FOREST PRODUCTS.

AN ACT designed to increase employment in forest manufacturing and processing industries in the State of Washington by creating a State Institute of Forest Products to promote, correlate, and conduct research in the more complete utilization of timber grown in the state, for the use and benefit of all citizens thereof.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Institute of Forest Products of the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. The Institute of Forest Products, operating within the Department of Conservation and Development, shall be administered by a non-salaried Commission consisting of the Governor as chairman; the Supervisor of Forestry, the President of Washington State College, the Dean of Forestry of the University of Washington, and the Director of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station as ex officio members; and four additional members who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at his pleasure. Of these additional members, two shall represent the forest industries of the state and two shall represent the labor of the state.

Non-salaried
Commission.

Membership.

SEC. 3. The Institute of Forest Products shall investigate current and necessary research in forest utilization and the marketing of forest products, affecting the industrial and commercial development of the State of Washington; shall correlate, interchange information and disseminate the results of such research; and shall, to the extent deemed necessary, provide for or conduct additional research projects or pilot plant demonstrations of research results by cooperating with all existing educational, public and industrial institutions or agencies of the state and arranging for the financing of such projects.

Duties of the
Institute.

Results available to public.

SEC. 4. The results of any research or pilot plant tests undertaken by the Institute or in which the Institute participates shall be available to all industries and citizens of the State of Washington under such methods of dissemination and use as the Commission may designate.

Institute may accept funds.

SEC. 5. The Institute is hereby authorized to accept funds from any forest using industry or others for the prosecution of any research or pilot plant project which it may undertake; and the Commission shall determine the just and fair contributions from industries or persons benefiting from its activities as a necessary requirement to the initiation of any research project.

Report to 1949 Legislature.

SEC. 6. The Institute shall report to the 1949 Legislature its recommendations for an adequate program of forest utilization for the State of Washington and the means for financing thereof.

Appropriation.

SEC. 7. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Conservation and Development for the Institute of Forest Products, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act.

Passed the Senate March 4, 1947.

Passed the House March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1947.