

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The grass burning research advisory committee as provided for in section 1 of this 1975 act shall solicit and review research proposals for reducing or to develop alternates to open burning of grass fields. The committee shall advise and make recommendations to the director of the Washington state department of ecology regarding research priorities and the expenditure of mandatory research permit fees and such other grass burning research funds that may be provided by the legislature or from any other sources.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Travel and per diem expenses shall be paid to the grass burning research advisory committee members not otherwise employed by the state for meetings called by the director of the department of ecology at the same rate that would otherwise apply to state employees under chapter 43.03 RCW upon vouchers approved by said director and paid from funds budgeted for operation purposes of the state department of ecology.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. It is the intent and purpose of this 1975 act that as soon as an alternative means of grass burning is developed for the state, or by January 1, 1980, whichever is sooner the grass burning research advisory committee shall be dissolved and its actions terminated, and the director of the state department of ecology shall see that such purpose is so carried out.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1975 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this 1975 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 45

[House Bill No. 665]

PUBLIC LANDS—VALUABLE MATERIALS— SALE PROCEDURE

AN ACT Relating to the sale of public lands; amending section 50, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 3, chapter 123, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 79.01.200; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 50, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 3, chapter 123, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 79.01.200 are each amended to read as follows:

All sales of land shall be at public auction, and all sales of valuable materials shall be at public auction or by sealed bid to the highest bidder, on the terms prescribed by law and as specified in the notice hereinbefore provided, and no land or materials shall be sold for less than its appraised value: **PROVIDED**, That on public lands granted to the state for educational purposes sealed bids

may be accepted for sales of timber or stone only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That when valuable material has been appraised at an amount not exceeding ~~((five))~~ ten thousand dollars, the commissioner of public lands, when authorized by the board of natural resources, may arrange for the sale at public auction of said valuable material and for its removal under such terms and conditions as the commissioner may prescribe, after said commissioner shall have caused to be published ten days prior to sale a notice of such sale in a newspaper of general circulation located nearest to property to be sold: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That any sale of timber, fallen timber, stone, gravel, sand, fill material, or building stone of an appraised value of five hundred dollars or less may be sold directly to the applicant for cash without notice or advertising.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1975 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 46

[Senate Bill No. 2024]

HIGHWAYS—FRANCHISE GRANTS AND RENEWALS—PROCEDURE

AN ACT Relating to public highways; amending section 47.44.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 7, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.44.010; and amending section 47.44.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.44.020.

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

Section 1. Section 47.44.010, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 7, chapter 108, Laws of 1967 and RCW 47.44.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The highway commission or such persons as it may designate shall have the power to grant franchises to persons, associations, private or municipal corporations, the United States government or any agency thereof, to use any state highway for the construction and maintenance of water pipes, flume, gas pipes, telephone, telegraph and electric light and power lines and conduits, trams or railways, and any structures or facilities which are part of an urban public transportation system owned or operated by a municipal corporation, agency or department of the state of Washington other than the highway commission, and any other such facilities. All applications for such franchise shall be made in writing and subscribed by the applicant, and shall describe the state highway or portion thereof over which franchise is desired and the nature of the franchise. Upon the filing of any such ~~((application a time and place for hearing the same shall be fixed and))~~ applications, a notice ~~((thereof))~~ of the filing shall be given in the county or counties in which any portion of the state highway upon which such franchise is applied for is located, at the expense of the applicant, by posting written or printed ~~((notices in three public places))~~ notice in a public place at the