

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 357

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line and in-
2 sert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. The State Board of Forestry shall appoint an advisory committee to con-
5 duct a study and develop recommendations regarding the pace and scale of federal forest
6 management projects that may increase sales of saw logs and other forest products, enhance
7 fish and wildlife habitat, improve resilience to disturbances, reduce fire risk, improve job
8 opportunities and provide other community benefits related to federal forestlands that could
9 justify state financial support. The study and recommendations may include, but need not
10 be limited to:**

11 **“(1) The identification of potential approaches to diversifying revenue sources and im-
12 proving the level of revenue available to increase the pace and scale of federal forest man-
13 agement.**

14 **“(2) The identification of ways to promote efficiencies and cost savings in federal forest
15 planning and management.**

16 **“(3) An evaluation of the potential use of a revolving loan fund or other mechanisms that
17 could provide a return on investment to state and local governments or other entities in-
18 terested in providing loans or other financial support for increasing federal forest manage-
19 ment projects. The evaluation shall include, but need not be limited to:**

20 **“(a) Supporting economic data to provide an understanding of the return on investment
21 that increased federal forest management and forest product harvest levels would provide
22 to state and local governments.**

23 **“(b) The identification of potential administrators for a fund to receive moneys for sup-
24 porting increased federal forest management projects. The advisory committee may consider
25 the State Forestry Department, the National Forest Foundation or other governmental or
26 nongovernmental entities as potential administrators.**

27 **“(c) The feasibility of providing loans to contractors, the State Forestry Department or
28 other entities to advance federal forest management projects, including but not limited to
29 potential barriers and solutions. The evaluation of potential barriers must address payback
30 mechanisms for projects on federal forestlands that do not proceed and approaches for en-
31 suring against financial loss to lenders.**

32 **“(d) The feasibility of state or local government programs for gain sharing to allow
33 counties that loan or provide grants to support federal forest management projects and re-
34 lated sales of saw logs and other forest products to share increased state income tax reven-
35 ues derived from areas dependent on federal forestland management.**

1 **“SECTION 2.** The advisory committee described in section 1 of this 2013 Act shall com-
2 plete the study described in section 1 of this 2013 Act and report its recommendations to an
3 interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development no later
4 than February 1, 2014.

5 **“SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
7 on its passage.”.

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