

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 357**

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

3 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

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

13 **“(1) The identification of potential approaches to diversifying reve-**
14 **nuce sources and improving the level of revenue available to increase**
15 **the pace and scale of federal forest management.**

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

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

1 “(a) Supporting economic data to provide an understanding of the
2 return on investment that increased federal forest management and
3 forest product harvest levels would provide to state and local govern-
4 ments.

5 “(b) The identification of potential administrators for a fund to re-
6 ceive moneys for supporting increased federal forest management
7 projects. The advisory committee may consider the State Forestry
8 Department, the National Forest Foundation or other governmental
9 or nongovernmental entities as potential administrators.

10 “(c) The feasibility of providing loans to contractors, the State
11 Forestry Department or other entities to advance federal forest man-
12 agement projects, including but not limited to potential barriers and
13 solutions. The evaluation of potential barriers must address payback
14 mechanisms for projects on federal forestlands that do not proceed and
15 approaches for ensuring against financial loss to lenders.

16 “(d) The feasibility of state or local government programs for gain
17 sharing to allow counties that loan or provide grants to support fed-
18 eral forest management projects and related sales of saw logs and
19 other forest products to share increased state income tax revenues
20 derived from areas dependent on federal forestland management.

21 “SECTION 2. The advisory committee described in section 1 of this
22 2013 Act shall complete the study described in section 1 of this 2013
23 Act and report its recommendations to an interim committee of the
24 Legislative Assembly related to economic development no later than
25 February 1, 2014.

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

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