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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1005

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson Members Dickinson
and Chesbro
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Yamada)**

February 18, 2011

An act relating to forest practices.

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AB 1005, as amended, Dickinson. Forest practices: timber harvesting plan.

The Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The Forest Practice Act of 1973 provides that the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection has the final authority to determine whether a timber harvesting plan conforms with rules and regulations pertaining to timber harvesting.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to convene a timber harvest working group to consider ~~and refine options for streamlining and providing additional revenue for the state's timber harvest regulatory program~~ *how to improve the health of California's forests, continuing California's commitment to the environment, and supporting the state's climate and energy goals*. The working group would be composed of representatives from environmental organizations and the timber industry, and the chairperson and vice chairperson of

certain legislative committees. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to designate one or more individuals representing the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Commission, the California Geological Survey, and the State Water Resources Control Board to serve on the working group.

The bill would require the working group, on or before June 1, 2013, to report its recommendations to the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Secretary of the Natural Resources
2 Agency shall convene a timber harvest working group to consider
3 ~~and refine options for streamlining and providing additional~~
4 ~~revenue for the state's timber harvest regulatory program~~ *how to*
5 *improve the health of California's forests, continuing California's*
6 *commitment to the environment, and supporting the state's climate*
7 *and energy goals.*

8 (b) The working group shall be composed of the following
9 persons:

10 (1) The Governor shall appoint one representative of an
11 environmental organization and one representative from the timber
12 industry.

13 (2) The Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on
14 Rules shall each appoint two representatives of environmental
15 organizations and two representatives from the timber industry.

16 (3) The chairperson and vice chairperson, or their designated
17 representatives, of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources,
18 the Assembly Committee on Accountability and Administrative
19 Review, and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and
20 Water.

21 (4) The chairperson, or his or her designated representative, of
22 the Assembly Committee on Budget and the Senate Committee
23 on Budget and Fiscal Review.

24 (c) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency may
25 designate one or more individuals representing the Department of
26 Forestry and Fire Protection, the Department of Fish and Game,
27 the California Coastal Commission, the California Geological

1 Survey, and the State Water Resources Control Board to serve on
2 the working group.

3 (d) The Legislative Analyst shall provide technical assistance
4 to the working group.

5 (e) On or before June 1, 2013, the working group shall report
6 its recommendations to the Legislature.

7 (f) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (e) shall be
8 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
9 Code.

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