

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1460 S HB AMS ENGR S2964.E	Title: DNR land
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Natural Resources	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
State Parks and Recreation Commission	.0	0	0	7,000	.0	0	0	7,000	.0	0	0	7,000
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.1	17,000	17,000	17,000	.1	17,000	17,000	17,000	.1	17,000	17,000	17,000
Department of Natural Resources	2.6	589,400	589,400	589,400	2.6	570,200	570,200	570,200	2.6	570,200	570,200	570,200
Total \$	2.7	606,400	606,400	613,400	2.7	587,200	587,200	594,200	2.7	587,200	587,200	594,200

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
State Parks and Recreation Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

Department of Natural Resources	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.
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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1460 S HB AMS ENGR S2964.E	Title: DNR land	Agency: 465-State Parks and Recreation Commission
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Account					
Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account-State 269-1	3,500	3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total \$	3,500	3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Substitute House Bill 1460 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create and manage a Trust Land Transfer Program, modifies DNR's authority to exchange forestland on behalf of counties, and eliminates DNR's restrictions on land bank acres.

The proposed amendments do not change State Parks original fiscal impact assumptions:

Sections (2) & (3) The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would implement the new Trust Land Transfer program beginning in July 2023 and would transfer prioritized properties funded by the legislature to receiving agencies through the 2023-2025 biennium.

State Parks would likely be involved in the advisory committee, which requires review of application submissions and scoring based on criteria developed by DNR. Additional staff time would be required to attend meetings, scoring and assessment of properties.

The agency assumes any trust lands transferred to State Parks for public use would substantially increase fiscal impact including additional FTE(s) and resources to develop, manage, operate, and maintain those lands.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

None.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

State Parks assumes additional costs to attend two full-day meetings each biennium to hear presentations by applicants, 10 hours to score parcels, and a 2-hour follow-up meeting to present the finalized list and discuss. The agency assumes committee members would spend a total of 30-40 hours assessing and scoring the properties for DNR's submission to the Board of Natural Resources and legislature for funding.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
269-1	Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account	State	3,500	3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total \$			3,500	3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A-Salaries and Wages	2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
B-Employee Benefits	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	3,500	3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
PROPERTY & ACQUISITION SPECIALIST 6		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
WMS 2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTEs		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1460 S HB AMS ENGR S2964.E	Title: DNR land	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	17,000	0	17,000	17,000	17,000
Total \$	17,000	0	17,000	17,000	17,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

NO CHANGE IN FISCAL IMPACT: Differences between SHB 1460 AMS ENGR S2964.E and HB 1460:

- Specifies that federally recognized Indian tribes must be consulted.
- Creates the land bank account.
- Makes further changes to the review, transfer, and purchase processes for Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program

Section 2 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create and manage a new Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program under RCW 79.17 and RCW 79.22 which uses legislative appropriations to both acquire real property and pay for administrative costs to complete transfer of that property.

Section 3 authorizes DNR to submit proposed TLT parcels to an advisory committee that shall evaluate and prioritize nominated parcels. The advisory committee may include representatives of trust beneficiaries, public and state agencies, federal recognized Indian tribes, overburdened communities, and vulnerable populations.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

DNR assumes that WDFW will be part of the advisory committee.

The Department assumes that the committee work will require .1 FTE of a Property & Acquisition Specialist 6 beginning in fiscal year 2024 and every other year ongoing. The Property & Acquisition Specialist 6 will prioritize, evaluate, assess, and score any proposals of Trust Land Transfer (TLT) properties. The Property & Acquisition Specialist 6 will attend committee meetings, including 2 full day meetings each biennium and one 2-hour follow up meeting, and participate in any other interagency outreach required for TLT processes. Salaries and benefits will total \$12,000 per fiscal year.

Goods and services, Object E, includes \$6,000 per FTE, per year, for WDFW standard costs, which cover an average employee's supplies, communications, training, and subscription costs per year. An infrastructure and program support rate of 33.5% is included in Object T and is calculated based on WDFW's federally approved indirect rate.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	17,000	0	17,000	17,000	17,000
Total \$			17,000	0	17,000	17,000	17,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages	9,000		9,000	9,000	9,000
B-Employee Benefits	3,000		3,000	3,000	3,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000
9-					
Total \$	17,000	0	17,000	17,000	17,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Property & Acquisition Specialist 6		0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs		0.1		0.1	0.1	0.1

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1460 S HB AMS ENGR S2964.E	Title: DNR land	Agency: 490-Department of Natural Resources
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	304,300	285,100	589,400	570,200	570,200
Total \$	304,300	285,100	589,400	570,200	570,200

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Change from HB 1460 (with no additional fiscal impact):

New Sec. 14 - Creates the Land Bank Account. Expenditures from this account may be used only to acquire property under RCW 79.19.020

Original:

Section 2 creates a Trust Land Transfer program to transfer underperforming trust lands to other agencies, local governments, or tribes for ecological conservation, recreation, or other public purposes.

Section 3 codifies the administration of the program, including the nomination process for parcels, public and tribal engagement, a best interest of the trust analysis of each nominated parcel, ranking of parcels through an external advisory committee, and final adoption by the board of natural resources.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Indeterminate but substantial positive revenue impacts to the trust beneficiaries and DNR's management accounts. Trust land transfer allows the transfer of non-performing assets to other government entities at fair market value and funds the purchase of assets that will generate revenue in perpetuity for beneficiaries.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Assumes that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will receive 20 applications per biennium to evaluate, perform a best interest of the trust analysis on, and will move 10 properties forward for eventual inclusion in a capital budget request. DNR also assumes that it will conduct two full-day meetings each biennium to hear presentations by applicants, 10 hours to score parcels, and a 2-hour follow-up meeting to present the finalized list and discuss. This request has been submitted as part of DNR's 2023-25 Operating Budget Request as "Policy Level - RT - Revitalizing Trust Land Transfers."

1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 4 (PAS4) to administer the Trust Land Transfer program including performing best interest of the trust financial analysis, engaging with tribes, other agencies, and the public, prepare reports for the Board of Natural Resources and executive management. The PAS4 would also do all work to complete land transactions including securing appraisals, title & encumbrance searches, and all work necessary to transfer properties and acquire replacement properties.

1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 2 (PAS2) to assist the program lead in coordinating meetings, maintaining databases, external website, track property dispositions and acquisitions, and assisting in real estate services to transfer and acquire new trust land.

- Fiscal year 24 costs include \$304,300 for 1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 4 and 1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 2 including one-time costs (\$19,200) for computers and equipment.
- Fiscal year 25 and ongoing \$285,100 per fiscal year for 1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 4 and 1.0 FTE of Property & Acquisition Specialist 2.

Goods and services and travel are calculated on actual program averages per person.

Administrative costs are calculated at 31% of staff salary and benefits and staff-related goods and services and travel. For fiscal note purposes, this cost is represented as a Fiscal Analyst 2 position (0.62 FTE).

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	304,300	285,100	589,400	570,200	570,200
Total \$			304,300	285,100	589,400	570,200	570,200

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
A-Salaries and Wages	140,200	140,200	280,400	280,400	280,400
B-Employee Benefits	53,000	53,000	106,000	106,000	106,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	36,000	22,000	58,000	44,000	44,000
G-Travel	6,000	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
J-Capital Outlays	5,200		5,200		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	63,900	63,900	127,800	127,800	127,800
9-					
Total \$	304,300	285,100	589,400	570,200	570,200

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Fiscal Analyst 2	55,872	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Property & Acquisition Spec 2	63,216	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Property & Acquisition Spec 4	77,028	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

DNR will make biennial requests for funding to perform the trust land transfers. DNR has submitted a prioritized list to the legislature under the Agency Capital Budget Request #40000125 – Revitalizing Trust Land Transfers. This list is comprised of 10 properties proposed for transfer and includes a request for \$25.13 million.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1460 S HB AMS
ENGR S2964.E

Title: DNR land

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties: Counties would have indeterminate revenue growth, which would be potentially significant over the long-term. Counties may have an indeterminate revenue decline in the short-term depending on the parcels that replace the transferred state trust lands.

- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: Counties that do not participate in a state forestland pool would be able to enter into agreement with participating counties for replacement forestland.
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Parcels selected for replacement and transfer would influence the magnitude of the revenue impacts for counties.

Estimated revenue impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Agency Approval: Tammi Alexander	Phone: 360-725-5038	Date: 04/18/2023
OFM Review: Lisa Borkowski	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date: 04/19/2023

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

This fiscal note reflects language in SHB 1460 AMS ENGR S2964.E, 2023 legislative session.

The amendments to this bill do not change the expenditure and revenue impacts of the prior bill.

CHANGES FROM PRIOR VERSION OF BILL:

Specifies that proceeds from real property that is transferred or disposed can be used to pay for the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) administrative expenses to complete the transfer, in addition to the purchase of replacement forestland for the benefit of the county from which the property was transferred or disposed.

Specifies that that proceeds from real property that is transferred or disposed for the purposes of participating in a state forestland pool must be used to purchase replacement forestland for the benefit of that county, and located within any county participating in the forestland pool or under a county agreement.

Authorizes DNR to acquire replacement state forestland located outside of counties that participate in a state forestland pool when DNR has transferred encumbered state forestlands of the counties to natural area status. Specifies that counties participating in a state forestland pool that seek to have DNR acquire replacement lands in a designated county, which is not included in the state forestland pool, must enter into an agreement with the designated county.

Certain conditions are required of the designated county, such as, conformity with applicable laws and rules, pass through of payment in lieu of taxes to the entity in which they are entitled, repaying DNR the fair market value of the replacement forestland if the designated county chooses to terminate the agreement, and approval by the board of county commissioners in the designated county and all counties in the state forestland pool.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT BILL VERSION:

This amended substitute legislation would codify DNR's Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program within land transfer statute. DNR is authorized to transfer underperforming trust lands to other agencies, local governments, or tribes for ecological conservation, recreation, or other public purposes. DNR would have the authority to acquire productive replacement lands to improve the revenue-generating performance of the state lands and state forestlands it manages with the approval of the Board of Natural Resources (Board).

DNR would be authorized to acquire replacement state forestland located outside of counties that participate in a state forestland pool when DNR has transferred encumbered state forestlands of the counties to natural area status. Counties participating in a state forestland pool that seek to have DNR acquire replacement lands in a designated county, which is not included in the state forestland pool, must enter into an agreement with the designated county.

The proceeds from real property that is transferred or disposed under the TLT program can be used to pay for administrative expenses to complete the transfer, in addition to the purchase of replacement forestland for the benefit of the county from which the property was transferred or disposed.

The proceeds from real property that is transferred or disposed for the purposes of participating in a state forestland pool must be used to purchase replacement forestland for the benefit of that county, and located within any county participating in the land pool or under a county agreement.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES TO EXPENDITURE IMPACTS OF THE PRIOR BILL:

This amended substitute legislation further expands the discretionary capacity of counties to receive productive trust lands from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) but does not change the expenditure impacts of the prior bill.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT OF CURRENT BILL:

There is no anticipated expenditure impact for local governments associated with this bill.

This bill would increase the capacity of counties to receive trust lands from DNR through transfer or disposition of non-productive parcels.

Counties would be able to enter into agreement between participants of state forestland pools and non-participants in order to acquire replacement forestland. This would be a local option for county legislative authorities and there would be no fiscal impact associated with this act should a county take no action.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

CHANGES TO REVENUE IMPACTS OF THE PRIOR BILL:

This amended substitute legislation further expands the discretionary capacity of counties to receive productive trust lands from the Department of Natural Resources but does not change the revenue impacts of the prior bill.

REVENUE IMPACT OF CURRENT BILL:

The revenue impact is indeterminate, but positive for counties, as replacing non-productive trust properties with productive parcels would yield revenue growth over the long run. However, if a parcel selected for replacement would produce revenue in the near-term, and it is replaced by a parcel that would produce revenue over a longer time horizon, there may be temporary revenue reductions for counties.

The revenue impact of transferred lands within the Trust Land Transfer program would vary based on the selected parcels on a biennial basis. Some parcels generate revenue annually, and others produce revenue intermittently, sometimes over very long time periods. The revenue impact would be dependent on the parcels selected for replacement and transfer, which cannot be known in advance.

This legislation also allows for distribution of proceeds associated with valuable materials for a county that transferred or disposed of real property. The value of these proceeds would depend on the property, which cannot be known in advance.

SOURCES:

Department of Natural Resources, FN S HB 1460 (2023)

Department of Natural Resources, Land-Trust Transfer Program Report (2019-2021)

Department of Natural Resources, Revitalizing the Land-Trust Transfer Program (2022)

Senate Bill Report, S HB 1460 (2023)

Washington State Association of Counties