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Sponsor(s): Senators Esser, Oke, T. Sheldon, Swecker and Hale; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands

Brief Description: Establishing the legacy trust for recreation and conservation.

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Finds that the land endowment concept is relevant today; that substantial revenue can be perpetually earned from sustainable management of these lands and resources; and that the creation of a new land trust, modeled on this durable concept and managed for the public to produce revenue, is a viable and prudent approach for generating financial support for maintenance of natural areas and for managing recreation use on all state lands, state forest lands, and other uplands managed by the department.

Declares it is the intent of this act to establish the legacy trust for recreation and conservation, for the sole purpose of generating a stable, long-term revenue source to support recreational access and use on state lands and state forest lands, and maintenance and protection of designated natural areas and conservation areas, and, where consistent with this purpose, to help retain working commercial forest land in the legacy trust as a vital component of Washington state's landscape.