



DNR Forest Practices Division

Legislative Update

2017 Regular Session

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Lots of Activity

- **Forest Practices Division has:**
 - analyzed more than 65 bills
 - prepared over 18 fiscal notes
- **However...few propose changing the Forest Practices Act (76.09 RCW) or Stewardship Act (76.13 RCW)**



Subjects of Concentration

- **Government regulation**
 - **Administrative Procedures Act including rulemaking**
 - **Growth Management Act**
 - **State Environmental Protection Act**
 - **Surveillance or access/trespass**
- **Amending the Hydraulic Code (77.55 RCW)**



Significant bills

- **HB 1531/SB 5394**
 - Amends the “Stewardship Act” (76.13 RCW)
 - Promotes working forests and the Forest Riparian Easement Program (FREP) as parts of the state’s carbon sequestration/climate strategy
 - DNR supports if a minor technical change is made



Significant bills (Cont.)

- **HB 1275/SB 5393**
 - Amends the “Hydraulic Code” (77.55 RCW)
 - Adds forest practice applications with hydraulic projects for fish barrier removal projects to an existing streamlined permitting process administered by WDFW
 - DNR is supportive if minor technical changes are made



