

Committee Name:

**Assembly Committee – Rural Affairs and Forestry
(AC–RAF)**

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry

Date: Jan. 24, 2007 Meeting Type: Public Hearing
Location: 415 Northwest - State Capitol

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rep. John Ainsworth, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Stephen Freese	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Rep. Barbara Gronemus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AB 744

Vote Record

Assembly - Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry

Date: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Clearinghouse Rule: _____

AB: Hubler

SB: Loey

Appointment: _____

AJR: _____

SJR: _____

Other: _____

AR: _____

SR: _____

A/S Amdt: _____

A/S Amdt: _____ to A/S Amdt: _____

A/S Sub Amdt: _____

A/S Amdt: _____ to A/S Sub Amdt: _____

A/S Amdt: _____ to A/S Amdt: _____ to A/S Sub Amdt: _____

Be recommended for:

Passage

Introduction

Adoption

Rejection

Indefinite Postponement

Tabling

Concurrence

Nonconcurrence

Confirmation

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Rep. Tom Sykora

Rep. Barbara Gronemus

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Rep. Marlin Schneider

Aye

No

Absent

Not Voting

Totals: _____

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

**Testimony Before the
Assembly Rural Affairs and Forestry
Committee
January 24, 2002**

In Regards to LRB - 0445

01-4445 ?

Good morning Chairman Ainsworth and committee members. My name is Ken Hujanen, chief of the Forest Tax Section, Division of Forestry, in the Department of Natural Resources. First let me thank you for this opportunity to come before you in regard to LRB -0445.

The Department of Natural Resources supports this bill. Each year 300 to 400 orders are issued under the Forest Crop Law which requires my signature and a counter-signature authenticating my signature by our legal staff. We estimate that we spend up to 120 hours annually, signing and retrieving second signatures from the Department's legal staff. At least 30 hours of legal staff time is spent on the signature process. Under the Managed Forest Law the signature process was streamlined through facsimile signatures and the dropping of authentication. This was approved with legislation early in the life of the Managed Forest Law. This bill would bring the two laws together under the signature requirements.

This bill also streamlines the application process for the Managed Forest Law by moving up the petition deadline one month from January 31 each year to December 31. With the interest in the Managed Forest Law, this will give the Department foresters another month for processing the application for entry. The renewal deadline for landowners has also been moved up to match the petition deadline which was missed when the deadline was move to January 31 in the mid-90s. To make sure the landowners are given enough time to return a petition for re-entry of their lands under the Managed Forest Law, a three-month lead period is required of the Department, establishing September 30th for notification.

This bill begins to address the workload the Department has experienced with the high interest landowners have shown in the Managed Forest Law, by moving up deadlines for petitions. The elimination of unnecessary signatures on Forest Crop Law orders will also save time within our central office. The fiscal impact of this bill has no cost or revenue to the state, county or local units of government. Savings are in the form of time, 100 120 hours per year of Department staff time. This includes both the signature and deadline changes.

I would like to thank you for considering this legislation.

Thank you for your time and I'm willing to answer any questions.

**Testimony Before the
Senate Committee on Environmental Resources**

March 11, 2002

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Good afternoon Chairman Baumgart and committee members. My name is Ken Hujanen, chief of the Forest Tax Section, Division of Forestry, in the Department of Natural Resources. First let me thank you for this opportunity to come before you in regard to AB 744.

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