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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3132

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State of Washington

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By House General Government Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Van De Wege)

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the Columbia River Gorge Compact;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.97 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
5 repeal the Columbia River Gorge Compact with the Congress of the United  
6 States and the state of Oregon due to the financial constraints facing  
7 the state. While the legislature recognizes the importance of the  
8 Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-963, it finds it  
9 can no longer support the financial obligations under this interstate  
10 compact. The legislature intends to renegotiate the compact when  
11 financial circumstances improve.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.97 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The governor's office shall work with the state of Oregon to  
15 initiate dissolution of the Columbia River Gorge Compact. If the  
16 governor's office determines that the Columbia River Gorge Compact  
17 cannot be dissolved, the governor's office shall work to renegotiate  
18 with the state of Oregon terms of the Columbia River Gorge Compact that

1 reflects accomplishments made since the first agreement in 1987 and  
2 reflects the approved Columbia River Gorge scenic area management plan  
3 as of June 2007.

4 (2) The governor may also pursue discussions with Klickitat,  
5 Skamania, and Clark counties on developing a source of funding to  
6 address the costs of local planning and permitting, and to identify  
7 local options for implementing the Columbia River Gorge Compact.

8 (3) The governor's office shall report to the legislature by  
9 December 31, 2010, on the status of dissolving or renegotiating the  
10 Columbia River Gorge Compact.

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