1 Definition. Contains a definition of "peer review".
2 Technical.
3 Membership. Requires the governor to appoint a chair and 15 members for a new forest resources council. Appointees must be knowledgeable about forest issues and reflect a balance of various forest interests. Requires renewed efforts to include public involvement. Mandates an annual report to the appropriate legislative committees, including progress made the preceding year.
4 Partnership. Restricts any extra rights or influence by the forest resources partnership.
5 Guidelines. Provides that changes to the timber harvesting and forest management guidelines must be peer reviewed before final adoption. Riparian area guidelines must be peer reviewed by December, 1999. Includes "benefits" in economic analysis consideration of guidelines. Requires the council to consider the recommendations of peer reviewers. Mandates that the commissioner of natural resources monitor the overall condition of forest riparian management zones and seasonal ponds and report information to the legislature.
6 Planning. Adds new duties specifying public participation for the regional forest resource planning committees, including identified dates the committees will report on future outcomes and key issues.
7 Monitoring. Requires the commissioner, in monitoring state forest practices, to report to the council on the practice's effectiveness.
8-9 Technical.
10 Continuation. Provides for continuation of the forest resources council until June 30, 2001.
11 Effective date. Day following final enactment.