

House Bill 3281

Sponsored by Representative ROBLAN

SUMMARY

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Changes statutory limit on annual expenditure from Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to protection from fire; amending ORS 477.755; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 477.755 is amended to read:

5 477.755. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 291.238, the moneys in the Oregon Forest Land Protection
6 Fund are appropriated continuously to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee and shall be used for
7 equalizing emergency fire suppression costs for safeguarding forestland in any forest protection
8 district, and for necessary administrative expenses. However, such administrative expenses may not
9 exceed the limit authorized by the Legislative Assembly each biennium.

10 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual expenditure from the Oregon Forest
11 Land Protection Fund from revenues received from ORS 321.015 (2), 477.277 (1), 477.295 (1) and (2),
12 477.750 (1) and (2), 477.760 (4) and 477.880 (2) may not exceed [*\$15 million.*] **the total of:**

13 **(a) One-half of the annual emergency fire suppression costs as determined by the Emer-**
14 **gency Fire Cost Committee; and**

15 **(b) One-half of the annual premium costs for emergency fire suppression insurance pur-**
16 **chased under ORS 477.775.**

17 (3) As used in this section, "annual expenditure" means the expenses of the Oregon Forest Land
18 Protection Fund obligated in any 12-month period designated by the Emergency Fire Cost Committee
19 by rule that corresponds to the policy period of any insurance for emergency fire costs.

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 477.755, as amended by section 9, chapter 685, Oregon Laws 2003, and section
21 12, chapter 802, Oregon Laws 2005, is amended to read:

22 477.755. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 291.238, the moneys in the Oregon Forest Land Protection
23 Fund are appropriated continuously to the Emergency Fire Cost Committee and shall be used for
24 equalizing emergency fire suppression costs for safeguarding forestland in any forest protection
25 district, and for necessary administrative expenses. However, such administrative expenses may not
26 exceed the limit authorized by the Legislative Assembly each biennium.

27 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual expenditure from the Oregon Forest
28 Land Protection Fund from revenues received from ORS 321.015 (2), 477.277 (1), 477.295 (1) and (2),
29 477.750 (1) and (2), 477.760 (4) and 477.880 (2) may not exceed [*\$10 million.*] **the total of:**

30 **(a) One-half of the annual emergency fire suppression costs as determined by the Emer-**
31 **gency Fire Cost Committee; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(b) One-half of the annual premium costs for emergency fire suppression insurance pur-**
2 **chased under ORS 477.775.**

3 (3) As used in this section, “annual expenditure” means the expenses of the Oregon Forest Land
4 Protection Fund obligated in any 12-month period designated by the Emergency Fire Cost Committee
5 by rule that corresponds to the policy period of any insurance for emergency fire costs.

6 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
8 **July 1, 2009.**

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