

House Bill 2451

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Limits expenditure from Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund to lesser of specified sum or one-half of fire suppression and insurance costs.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund; amending ORS 477.755; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

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

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

11 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the annual expenditure from the Oregon Forest
12 Land Protection Fund from revenues received from ORS 321.015 (2), 477.277 (1), 477.295 (1) and (2),
13 477.750 (1) and (2), 477.760 (4) and 477.880 (2) may not exceed **the lesser of:**

14 (a) \$10 million[.]; or

15 (b) **An amount equal to:**

16 (A) **One-half of the annual emergency fire suppression costs as determined by the**
17 **Emergency Fire Cost Committee; and**

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

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

24 **SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
26 **July 1, 2011.**

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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.