

House Bill 3456

Sponsored by Representative JENSON; Senator EDWARDS

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**.

Requires State Board of Forestry to study costs and benefits of converting State Forestry Department to semi-independent state agency and to develop proposed plan and timelines for conversion. Requires board to submit report and recommendations to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2012.

Sunsets study on date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the State Forestry Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Forestry shall conduct a study to determine the costs**
5 **and benefits of converting the State Forestry Department into a semi-independent state**
6 **agency. The study shall include the development of a proposed plan and timelines for con-**
7 **verting the department into a semi-independent state agency.**

8 **(2) The board may appoint advisory groups, solicit comments and other input from in-**
9 **terested persons and take any other actions the board deems appropriate for the purpose of**
10 **developing the cost and benefit study or for developing the proposed transition plan and**
11 **timelines.**

12 **(3) The board shall submit a report, and may include recommendations, to an interim**
13 **committee of the Legislative Assembly related to forestry no later than October 1, 2012.**

14 **(4) The department shall provide staff support to the board in conducting board duties**
15 **under this section.**

16 **(5) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the**
17 **board in the performance of its duties under this section and, to the extent permitted by laws**
18 **relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the board members**
19 **consider necessary to perform their duties under this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of convening of the 2013**
21 **regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
24 **on its passage.**

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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.