

Senate Bill 849

Sponsored by Senator VERGER; Senator WHITSETT (at the request of Oregon Forest Industries Council)

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**.

Allows forest protective association to obtain hearing by State Board of Forestry regarding actions of board or State Forester that may adversely affect adequacy of fire prevention and suppression services within forest protection district.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to forest protection district services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2011 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 477.205 to**
5 **477.281.**

6 **SECTION 2. A forest protective association may file a request for hearing with the State**
7 **Board of Forestry if the association maintains that an action taken by the board or the State**
8 **Forester may adversely affect the adequacy of fire prevention and suppression services**
9 **within a forest protection district served by the association. The subject of a hearing re-**
10 **quested under this section must be limited to actions that the board or State Forester take**
11 **after budget approval under ORS 477.265 that may affect the adequacy of services during the**
12 **budget period. For purposes of a hearing requested under this section, the association shall**
13 **be considered to represent the interests of the owners of grazing land or timberland within**
14 **the district. If an association requests a hearing under this section, the hearing must be held**
15 **no later than 30 days after delivery of the request. A hearing under this section shall be**
16 **conducted as a contested case hearing under ORS chapter 183.**

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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.