

# House Bill 3315

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, WITT

## 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 that Director of the Employment Department's investigations of contractors performing reforestation work on federal forestland include investigation of contractor compliance with federal employment eligibility verification law. Requires director to report suspected violation of federal employment verification law to federal authorities.

Requires Employment Department to confirm whether listed forest maintenance activity jobs are available to Oregon resident workers. Requires department to take actions to notify Oregon resident workers of available forest maintenance activity jobs. Requires department to periodically inform past and present employers of workers in forest maintenance activity jobs regarding local availability of Oregon resident workers.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to forestland employment.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
4 **chapter 657.**

5 **SECTION 2. If the Director of the Employment Department conducts an investigation**  
6 **under this chapter of an employer that has contracted with the United States to conduct**  
7 **reforestation on federal forestland within this state, in addition to any other witnesses, pa-**  
8 **pers, contracts, books, accounts or documents required by the director during the investi-**  
9 **gation, the director shall require the employer to demonstrate that the employer has**  
10 **complied with the requirements of 8 U.S.C. 1324a by verifying the employment eligibility of**  
11 **the workers performing the reforestation work. If the employer fails to demonstrate com-**  
12 **pliance, the director shall notify the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services that**  
13 **the director has reason to suspect the employer may be violating 8 U.S.C. 1324a.**

14 **SECTION 3. (1) If an employer lists an available forest maintenance activity job, includ-**  
15 **ing but not limited to reforestation work, the Employment Department shall:**

16 **(a) Confirm with the employer whether the job is open to Oregon resident workers;**

17 **(b) If the job is open to Oregon resident workers, notify the United States Department**  
18 **of Labor, union halls and community agencies serving unemployed Oregon resident workers**  
19 **that the job has been listed; and**

20 **(c) If the job is open to Oregon resident workers, display information concerning the job**  
21 **listing in prominent public locations frequented by unemployed Oregon resident workers.**

22 **(2) The department shall periodically inform past and present employers of workers for**  
23 **the performance of forest maintenance activities regarding the local supply of Oregon resi-**  
24 **dent workers available to fill forest maintenance activity jobs that may become available.**  
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