

House Bill 2808

Sponsored by Representatives PARRISH, BUEHLER

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 Oregon Business Development Department, in cooperation with Oregon State University Extension Service, to develop program to increase harvesting of Western Juniper and manufacture and distribution of products made from Western Juniper. Appropriates moneys to Oregon State University during biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for extension service activities related to development and operation of program.

Allows inclusion of grants as part of program. Appropriates moneys to department during biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for purpose of issuing grants to private companies to establish or expand industrial capacity concerning Western Juniper.

Allows State Forester to contract, without public notice or competitive bidding, for sale of Western Juniper on forestland managed by State Forestry Department to program participants for harvesting.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the commercial use of Western Juniper; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. As used in sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act, "Western Juniper" means trees**
5 **of the species *Juniperus occidentalis*.**

6 **SECTION 2. The Oregon Business Development Department, in cooperation with the**
7 **Oregon State University Extension Service, shall develop a program to encourage private**
8 **companies to invest in Western Juniper harvesting and the manufacture and distribution of**
9 **products made with Western Juniper. The program may include, but need not be limited to,**
10 **the issuance by the department of grants to private companies to facilitate the establishment**
11 **or expansion of industrial capacity for the harvesting of Western Juniper and the manufac-**
12 **ture and distribution of products made with Western Juniper.**

13 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the public notice and bidding requirements described in**
14 **ORS 530.059, the State Forester may privately negotiate and enter into contracts to allow**
15 **participants in the program described in section 2 of this 2015 Act to harvest Western**
16 **Juniper from forestlands managed by the State Forestry Department. The department shall**
17 **ensure that the provisions of the contract, and Western Juniper harvesting activities under**
18 **the contracts, comply with applicable state forestland management plans. A contract de-**
19 **scribed in this section is a sale of timber for purposes of the public contracting exemption**
20 **described in ORS 279A.025 (2)(L).**

21 **SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
22 **ated to the Oregon Business Development Department, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
23 **2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for the pur-**
24 **pose of issuing grants to private companies as described in section 2 of this 2015 Act.**

25 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**

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 ated to Oregon State University, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General
2 Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for Oregon State University Extension
3 Service activities related to development and operation of the program described in section
4 2 of this 2015 Act.

5 SECTION 6. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
7 July 1, 2015.

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