

Senate Bill 435

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP; Senator FERRIOLI (Presession filed.)

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 Secretary of State to conduct audit of State Forestry Department expenditures or obligations of certain allocations of lottery moneys for purposes related to federal forestlands. Requires that audit include certain information concerning projects or parts of projects for which department expended or obligated moneys. Establishes deadline for reporting audit results and information to Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the auditing of funds disbursed for forest management; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Secretary of State shall conduct an audit of expenditures or obli-**
4 **gations made by the State Forestry Department that were funded with:**

5 (a) **The \$2.885 million of lottery moneys allocated to the department for the 2013-2015**
6 **biennium under section 12, chapter 785, Oregon Laws 2013, for the Eastern Oregon Forest**
7 **Collaboration; and**

8 (b) **The \$5 million of lottery moneys allocated to the department for the 2015-2017**
9 **biennium under section 13, chapter 811, Oregon Laws 2015, for federal forest restoration.**

10 (2) **The Secretary of State shall attempt to obtain, either directly or through the de-**
11 **partment, in addition to any records of the department, any information available from the**
12 **United States Forest Service or the United States Bureau of Land Management pertaining**
13 **to department expenditures or obligations of moneys described in subsection (1) of this sec-**
14 **tion.**

15 (3) **In conducting an audit under this section, in addition to requiring an accounting of**
16 **moneys described in subsection (1) of this section, the Secretary of State shall attempt to:**

17 (a) **List and describe the projects that were developed, planned or implemented with the**
18 **moneys;**

19 (b) **Calculate the number of acres treated or restored by each project fully or partially**
20 **funded with the moneys;**

21 (c) **Calculate, for each project fully or partially funded with the moneys, the**
22 **merchantable timber volume offered for sale that resulted from the project and the effect**
23 **of the department funding on that volume;**

24 (d) **Calculate, for each project fully or partially funded with the moneys, the number and**
25 **type of jobs created by the project and the effect of the department funding on those number**
26 **and type of jobs created; and**

27 (e) **Describe with specificity the expenditures by category for each project or parts of a**
28 **project fully or partially funded with the moneys, including but not limited to the categories**
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1 of meetings, employee-related costs and forest resource harvesting supply costs, and the
2 portion of those categorized expenses funded with the described moneys.

3 (4) The Secretary of State shall report the results of the audit required by this section,
4 and any information obtained under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, to the Legislative
5 Assembly no later than February 5, 2018.

6 SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
8 July 1, 2017.

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