

B-Engrossed House Bill 4118

Ordered by the House March 2
Including House Amendments dated February 16 and March 2

Sponsored by Representatives BONHAM, SMITH DB; Representatives HELFRICH, NEARMAN, WILSON (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.

Expresses state policy regarding pursuit of projects under Good Neighbor Authority Agreement. Instructs signatory state agencies to work with federal land management agencies to prioritize projects.

Requires Governor and Federal Forest Working Group to jointly develop recommendations for goals of Good Neighbor Authority Agreement. Establishes deadline for Governor or designee agency to report recommendations for goals to Legislative Assembly.

[Allocates lottery funds] **Appropriates moneys** to State Forestry Department for supporting development, planning or implementation of priority projects on federal forestland under Good Neighbor Authority Agreement.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to projects on federal lands; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

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5 (a) **“Additive” means an increase in the pace, scale and quality of forest, rangeland and**
6 **water restoration services on federal lands within Oregon, including but not limited to ser-**
7 **vices to produce timber harvest volumes that exceed outputs that would be produced by**
8 **federal land management agencies alone.**

9 (b) **“Federal land management agencies” means the United States Forest Service and the**
10 **Bureau of Land Management.**

11 (c) **“Forest, rangeland and water restoration services” means activities that:**

12 (A) **Treat insect-infested or disease-infested trees;**

13 (B) **Reduce hazardous fuels; or**

14 (C) **Restore or improve forest, rangeland or watershed health, including but not limited**
15 **to fish or wildlife habitat health.**

16 (d) **“Good Neighbor Authority Agreement” means the Good Neighbor Authority Agree-**
17 **ment that the Governor, the State Forester and the State Fish and Wildlife Director entered**
18 **into with the United States Forest Service on March 29, 2016.**

19 (2) **It is the policy of the state to pursue projects under the Good Neighbor Authority**
20 **Agreement that increase timber harvest volume, contribute to job creation, reduce wildfire**
21 **risks to all lands, improve wildlife habitat and watershed health and stimulate local econo-**
22 **mies. To the extent allowed by the agreement, state agencies that are signatories to the**
23 **agreement shall work with federal land management agencies to give priority to projects**

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 **that:**

2 (a) **Consist of additive activities;**

3 (b) **Maximize economic benefit to this state; and**

4 (c) **Recover the state agency costs of implementing the projects.**

5 **SECTION 2.** The Governor and the Federal Forest Working Group of Oregon Solutions
6 at Portland State University shall jointly develop specific recommendations regarding goals
7 for the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement as defined in section 1 of this 2018 Act. The
8 Governor, or a state agency described in section 1 (2) of this 2018 Act designated by the
9 Governor, shall report the recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in the manner
10 provided by ORS 192.245 no later than March 1, 2019.

11 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
12 ated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the
13 General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, which may be expended by the department for the
14 purpose of supporting the development, planning or implementation of projects on federal
15 lands to which the signatory state agencies working with federal land management agencies
16 under section 1 of this 2018 Act give priority under section 1 of this 2018 Act.

17 **SECTION 4.** This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
18 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect
19 on its passage.
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