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SUMMARY

Expresses state policy to identify lands acquired by State Board of Forestry that have limited revenue-generation potential or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits. Authorizes board to transfer identified lands to other governmental entities or to change management framework applied to lands. Authorizes board to adopt rules.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the management of state lands.

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State of Oregon to:

(1) Identify, as appropriate, lands acquired by the State Board of Forestry pursuant to ORS 530.010 to 530.040 that have limited performance potential as revenue-generating assets or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits; and

(2)(a) Transfer those lands to state agencies, federal agencies, local governments or Indian tribes; or

(b) Retain those lands for board management outside of the framework described in ORS 530.050.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Board of Forestry may identify lands acquired pursuant to ORS 530.010 to 530.040 that have limited performance potential as revenue-generating assets or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits and:

(a) Transfer the identified lands to another state agency, a federal agency, a local government or an Indian tribe; or

(b) Retain the lands for board management outside of the frame-

1 work described in ORS 530.050.

2 (2) Prior to transferring lands under subsection (1) of this section,
3 the board must obtain approval from the governing body of the county
4 where the lands are located and from the governing authority for the
5 receiving state agency, federal agency, local government or Indian
6 tribe. Prior to seeking transfer approvals under this subsection, the
7 board shall:

8 (a) Provide the county governing body with the identity of the state
9 agency, federal agency, local government or Indian tribe to which the
10 board proposes to transfer the lands;

11 (b) Have an independent third party carry out a valuation of the
12 lands; and

13 (c) Provide the valuation described in paragraph (b) of this sub-
14 section to the county governing body and to the state agency, federal
15 agency, local government or Indian tribe to which the board proposes
16 to transfer the lands.

17 (3) The State Forestry Department may use moneys available to the
18 department from any public or private funding source to facilitate a
19 transfer of lands by the board under this section. The board and the
20 department shall carry out the transfer of the lands in a manner that
21 is consistent with the board's responsibilities.

22 (4) ORS 270.100, 270.110, 270.130 and 273.275 do not apply to a transfer
23 of lands under this section.

24 (5) ORS 530.110 does not apply to lands retained by the board under
25 subsection (1)(b) of this section for management outside the frame-
26 work described in ORS 530.050.

27 (6) The board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this
28 section.

29 (7) This section does not affect the ability of the board or the de-
30 partment to dispose of lands described in this section in any manner
31 otherwise provided for by law.

