

Senate Bill 339

Sponsored by Senator BAERTSCHIGER JR (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Includes land used primarily for cultivating crops within definition of "rangeland" for purposes of organizing rangeland protection association and providing fire protection for rangeland.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rangeland protection associations; amending ORS 477.315.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 477.315 is amended to read:

5 477.315. As used in ORS 477.315 to 477.325:

6 (1) "Rangeland" means any land:

7 (a) That is located in that part of the state lying easterly of the summit of the Cascade Moun-
8 tains;

9 (b) That has not been classified as Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 forestland under ORS 526.305 to
10 526.370; and

11 (c) That [*contains*] **may contain** isolated tracts of forestland not so classified or not within a
12 forest protection district, or that is primarily **land used for cultivating crops**, rangeland, unde-
13 veloped land or undeveloped area containing sagebrush, juniper and similar growths.

14 (2) "Rangeland protection association" means an entity that has the purpose of protecting
15 rangeland from fire and is:

16 (a) Organized by owners of rangeland that is located within a rangeland protection system es-
17 tablished under ORS 477.320 and lies wholly outside any forest protection district; or

18 (b) Organized with the approval of a county governing body to be a cost-neutral part of the
19 emergency management program in a county having 200,000 or more acres of rangeland that are
20 outside any forest protection district and are not protected by an association formed under para-
21 graph (a) of this subsection.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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