Senate Bill 893
Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN; Representative MITCHELL

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.

Expresses state policy to identify certain lands acquired from counties. Authorizes State Board of Forestry to identify certain lands managed by board that have limited revenue-generation potential or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits. Authorizes board to propose transfer of 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 shall be the policy of the State of Oregon to:

(1) Identify, as appropriate, lands acquired by the state from counties pursuant to ORS 530.030 that have limited performance potential as revenue-generating assets or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits; and

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

(b) Retain the lands for State Board of Forestry management outside of the framework described in ORS 530.050.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Board of Forestry may identify tracts of lands acquired by the state pursuant to ORS 530.030 that have limited performance potential as revenue-generating assets or that provide high-value recreational or conservation benefits and submit to the Legislative Assembly proposals to:

(a) Transfer the identified tracts of land to another state agency, a federal agency, a local government or a tribe; or

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

(2) Prior to submitting a proposal to the Legislative Assembly under subsection (1) of this section, the board must obtain approval of the proposal from the governing body of the county where the lands are located.

(3) A state agency, federal agency, local government or tribe to which identified tracts of lands are to be transferred may be identified by the board in the proposal authorized under subsection (1) of this section, or may be designated by the Legislative Assembly.

(4) A proposal submitted to the Legislative Assembly under this section must include an independent, third-party valuation of the property to be transferred.

(5) If the Legislative Assembly approves a transfer proposal submitted under subsection (1) of this section and appropriates funds for that purpose, or otherwise approves a financing mechanism sufficient to accomplish the transfer, the board, by and through the State Board of Forestry, may transfer the identified lands to another state agency, a federal agency, a local government or a tribe.
Forestry Department, shall transfer lands in a manner consistent with the board's responsibilities.

(6) The provisions of ORS 270.100, 270.110, 270.130 and 273.275 do not apply to the transfer of lands under this section.

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

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the ability of the board or the department to dispose of lands described in this section in any manner otherwise provided for by law.