

House Bill 2767

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB (Pre-session 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**.

Directs State Department of Agriculture to establish grant program for purpose of facilitating eradication of gorse for wildfire mitigation in southwest Oregon.

Establishes Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund to support grant program.

Appropriates moneys to department for deposit into fund.

Sunsets grant program and fund on December 31, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a grant program that facilitates the eradication of gorse for wildfire mitigation in
3 southwest Oregon; and prescribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Agriculture shall establish by rule a grant**
6 **program for the purpose of facilitating the eradication of gorse for wildfire mitigation in**
7 **southwest Oregon.**

8 **(2) In administering the program, the department:**

9 **(a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and**

10 **(b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant**
11 **funds.**

12 **(3) The department shall review the grant program on a biennial basis to assess to what**
13 **extent the purpose described in subsection (1) of this section is being achieved. The depart-**
14 **ment shall modify the process for awarding grants as necessary to better achieve the pur-**
15 **pose described in subsection (1) of this section.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**
17 **General Fund, the Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund. Interest earned**
18 **by the Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund shall be credited to the fund.**
19 **All moneys in the Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund are continuously**
20 **appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture to carry out the purposes described in**
21 **section 1 of this 2021 Act.**

22 **(2) The Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund shall consist of all moneys**
23 **credited to the fund, including moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Leg-**
24 **islative Assembly.**

25 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the**
26 **biennium beginning of July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for**
27 **deposit into the Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund established in section**
28 **2 of this 2021 Act.**

29 **SECTION 4. (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on December 31, 2025.**

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 **(2) Any moneys remaining in the Southwest Oregon Gorse Wildfire Risk Reduction Fund**
2 **that are unexpended and unobligated on December 31, 2025, shall revert to the General Fund.**

3 **SECTION 5.** **This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
4 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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