

Requested by Representative HOLVEY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2379**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 4, after “321.991,” insert “477.230,” and
2 delete “477.880, 477.960, 477.970,” and insert “477.777,”.

3 In line 7, delete “and 477.777” and insert “, 477.880, 477.960 and 477.970”.

4 On page 7, line 28, delete “and 477.777” and insert “, 477.880, 477.960 and
5 477.970”.

6 On page 18, line 18, delete “ORS 477.880 and”.

7 Delete lines 38 through 45.

8 On page 19, delete line 1.

9 In line 2, delete “29” and insert “28”.

10 In line 11, delete “30” and insert “29”.

11 In line 16, delete “31” and insert “30”.

12 On page 20, delete lines 32 through 45.

13 On page 21, delete lines 1 through 4.

14 In line 5, delete “33” and insert “31”.

15 Delete lines 15 through 18.

16 In line 19, delete “35” and insert “32”.

17 After line 40, insert:

18 **“SECTION 33.** ORS 477.230 is amended to read:

19 “477.230. (1) The annual cost of protection provided by the forester for
20 forestland within a forest protection district shall be as follows:

21 “(a) Grazing land within the district shall be protected by the forester at

1 a pro rata cost per acre for all grazing land within the district boundary.
2 However, forest patrol assessments levied and assessed under ORS 477.270
3 against such lands that are not owned by public agencies may not exceed
4 one-half of the pro rata cost per acre[, *exclusive of any assessment per acre*
5 *under ORS 477.880*].

6 “(b) Timberland within the district shall be protected by the forester at
7 a pro rata cost per acre for all timberland within the district boundary.
8 However, forest patrol assessments levied and assessed under ORS 477.270
9 against such lands that are not owned by public agencies may not exceed
10 one-half of the pro rata cost per acre[, *exclusive of any assessment per acre*
11 *under ORS 477.880*].

12 “(2) The cost of protection described in this section shall be in accordance
13 with a budget for the district approved by the State Board of Forestry.

14 **“SECTION 34.** ORS 477.777 is amended to read:

15 “477.777. (1) As part of the preparation of the agency request budget
16 submitted to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services pursuant to
17 ORS 291.208 for the State Forestry Department, the State Forester shall
18 prepare, in addition to any amounts budgeted for forest protection districts
19 pursuant to ORS 477.205 to 477.281, a request for a General Fund appropri-
20 ation for [*the following purposes:*]

21 “[*(a)*] Providing funds for the purchase of emergency fire suppression
22 costs insurance under ORS 477.775.

23 “[*(b)* Acquiring and placing centrally managed fire suppression resources
24 for statewide use.]

25 “[*(c)* Acquiring fast-mobilizing, short-term contingency resources to be used
26 based on predictions of severe fire weather, widespread lightning events or
27 serious resource shortage due to a heavy fire season in this state, in the west-
28 ern region of the United States or nationally.]

29 “[*(d)* Enhancing forest protection district resources in cases where land
30 productivity or other economic factors seriously limit the ability of the forester

1 *to perform fire protection responsibilities.]*

2 *“(e) Mitigating forest patrol assessment rates in cases where land produc-*
3 *tivity or other economic factors seriously limit the ability of the owners of*
4 *forestlands in the forest protection district to comply with ORS 477.210 (1).]*

5 “(2) The State Forester shall utilize critical discretion in the expenditure
6 of the funds provided to the State Forestry Department pursuant to the sep-
7 arate request required under subsection (1) of this section.

8 “(3) The State Forester shall report to the Emergency Board, each year,
9 after the close of the fire season, on:

10 “(a) The nature and severity of the fire season;

11 “(b) The moneys expended on fire suppression;

12 “(c) The balance remaining from the biennial appropriation; and

13 “(d) Any matters arising out of the fire season that may require attention
14 or warrant future consideration by the board or the Legislative Assembly.

15 “(4) When reporting the nature and severity of the fire season under
16 subsection (3) of this section, for each fire consuming 1,000 or more acres,
17 the State Forester shall provide information regarding the resulting losses
18 on private lands of timber, buildings, fencing and livestock and of grazing
19 land capacity if the land is expected to be unavailable for two or more
20 grazing seasons.”.

21 In line 44 delete “36” and insert “35”.

22 On page 22, line 5, delete “37” and insert “36”.

23 In line 6, delete “35” and insert “34”.

24 In line 8, delete “38” and insert “37”.

25 In line 9, delete “37” and insert “36”.

26 In line 12, delete “39” and insert “38”.

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