House Bill 2953

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, MORGAN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Allows State Forester to order use of wildfire suppression personnel, equipment and services on federal lands within state borders. Creates exceptions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to wildfire suppression.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the State Forester may order the use of wildfire suppression personnel, equipment and services to control wildfire on any federal lands within the borders of this state, in coordination with federal land management agencies. Except as described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the use of personnel, equipment and services as described in this subsection shall be at the discretion of the State Forester.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not affect any obligation otherwise imposed upon or agreed to by the State Forester for the provision of wildfire suppression personnel, equipment or services.

(3) The State Forester may not use wildfire suppression personnel, equipment or services:

(a) On federal land that is military land withdrawn from public access unless the State Forester obtains permission from the appropriate military authority prior to the entry of personnel or equipment onto the military land or the performance of services on the military land.

(b) On lands held by an Indian tribe unless the State Forester obtains permission from the tribal government prior to the entry of personnel or equipment onto the tribal land or the performance of services on the tribal land.

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.

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