

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3142

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30.
- 2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘local workforce development board’ and**
4 **‘workforce program’ have the meanings given those terms in ORS 660.300.**
- 5 **“(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants to soil and**
6 **water conservation districts organized under ORS 568.210 to 568.808 and 568.900 to 568.933 and**
7 **to counties for the treatment of western juniper to minimize the negative impacts of western**
8 **juniper on water resources and ecological health.**
- 9 **“(3) Grant recipients shall use grant funds only to:**
- 10 **“(a) Consistent with the requirements of this section, treat western juniper in areas**
11 **where treatment will provide the greatest benefit to water resources and ecological health;**
12 **“(b) Consistent with the requirements of this section, remove western juniper at times,**
13 **and using methods, that will reduce the risk of repropagation after removal; and**
- 14 **“(c) Cover the administrative expenses of the grant recipient related to the grant pro-**
15 **gram, except that no more than eight percent of grant funds may be used to cover admin-**
16 **istrative expenses.**
- 17 **“(4) In determining areas to conduct western juniper treatment, grant recipients shall**
18 **incorporate criteria from the western juniper management field guide developed by the**
19 **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, including:**
- 20 **“(a) Conifer encroachment prioritization;**
21 **“(b) Hydrological prioritization, including a consideration of the location of the proposed**
22 **project site in relation to surface waters;**
- 23 **“(c) Biological prioritization, including resilience to disturbance and resistance to exotic**
24 **annual grasses; and**
- 25 **“(d) Canopy interspaces, including bunchgrass age classes and exotic annual grasses or**
26 **noxious weeds present at intermediate levels in interspaces.**
- 27 **“(5) In selecting treatment project sites and conducting treatment, grant recipients shall**
28 **seek to retain old growth juniper trees, as determined by tree characteristics that include:**
- 29 **“(a) Flattened, rounded or uneven tops;**
30 **“(b) A spreading crown;**
31 **“(c) Large branches near the base of the tree;**
32 **“(d) Large, dead branches, missing bark and abundant light green lichen;**
33 **“(e) Thick fibrous bark with well-developed vertical furrows; and**
34 **“(f) Leader growth in the upper quarter of the tree that is less than one inch per year.**
- 35 **“(6) Treatment sites must be no less than 100 acres.**

1 “(7) Pretreatment analysis of treatment sites must include:
2 “(a) Risk assessments for annual grass weeds; and
3 “(b) An analysis of existing perennial understory to determine if reseeding is required.
4 “(8) Fuel loads associated with western juniper treatment shall be removed from the
5 treatment site.
6 “(9) Any grazing plan for a treatment site must be developed in cooperation with the
7 landowner and the applicable soil and water conservation district.
8 “(10) A grant recipient shall develop a post-treatment maintenance plan for the treat-
9 ment site prior to beginning treatment.
10 “(11) Grant applicants may consult with Oregon State University, local governments, as
11 defined in ORS 174.116, conservation organizations or other organizations or experts to
12 identify areas that meet the criteria described in subsection (3)(a) of this section.
13 “(12) A grant recipient shall:
14 “(a) Work with Oregon State University to track and monitor the effects of the program
15 on water resources, ecological health and economic and workforce development and to pro-
16 vide quarterly and annual reports to the department;
17 “(b) Work with a local workforce development board or other organizations to create or
18 expand an existing workforce program that provides services to individuals performing
19 western juniper treatment or to allow individuals performing western juniper treatment to
20 participate in an existing workforce program; and
21 “(c)(A) Prepare reports describing any proposed, ongoing or completed western juniper
22 treatment project including:
23 “(i) Site conditions before treatment;
24 “(ii) Project methodologies and implementation;
25 “(iii) Site conditions and maintenance efforts after treatment; and
26 “(iv) An assessment of the effectiveness of the treatment.
27 “(B) A grant recipient shall submit the reports required under this paragraph to Oregon
28 State University no later than two and five years, respectively, after receiving a grant under
29 this section and shall make the reports publicly available.
30 “SECTION 2. (1) Oregon State University shall work with recipients of grants under
31 section 1 of this 2023 Act to establish monitoring areas in central Oregon, Harney County
32 and Klamath County.
33 “(2) Monitoring must be conducted for a period of at least five years and must include:
34 “(a) Overstory and understory vegetation surveys to assess soil, water and vegetation
35 relationships; and
36 “(b) Monitoring of soil moisture, springflow, streamflow and weather.
37 “(3) Monitoring may include technological platforms or other systems to monitor
38 vegetative cover, perennial grass cover, annual grass cover or tree and shrub cover.
39 “SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide a grant
40 to an organization formed pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement under ORS chapter
41 190 that operates in at least three of the following counties:
42 “(a) Crook County;
43 “(b) Jefferson County;
44 “(c) Klamath County;
45 “(d) Deschutes County;

1 “(e) Harney County; or

2 “(f) Lake County.

3 “(2) The organization shall:

4 “(a) In rural areas of this state, coordinate efforts to identify and apply for sources of
5 funding for western juniper treatment, or other water conservation projects, among cities,
6 counties or other organizations; and

7 “(b) Coordinate activities among grant recipients described in section 1 of this 2023
8 Act.”.

9 In line 4, delete “2” and insert “4”.

10 After line 20, insert:

11 “**SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
12 **priated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning**
13 **July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$350,000, which may be expended for the**
14 **purpose of carrying out section 3 of this 2023 Act.”.**

15 In line 21, delete “3” and insert “6”.

16 In line 23, after “Fund,” insert “the amount of”.

17 In line 25, delete “4” and insert “7”.

18 In line 26, delete “2” and insert “4”.

19 In line 28, delete “5” and insert “8”.

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