

House Bill 3450

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY (at the request of Fergus Mclean)

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**.

Instructs State Forester to establish Oregon Forest Academy.

Transfers establishment of Oregon Forest Academy to Elliott State Research Forest Authority, if authority is created on January 1, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to educational programs concerning forestry; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forester shall establish an Oregon Forest Academy to provide**
5 **deeper education in forestry and forest management.**

6 **(2) The academy must make Elliott State Forest educational programs available to all**
7 **students in Oregon elementary and secondary schools who have a passion or talent for**
8 **forestry, with the goal of training a generation of Oregon foresters at the forefront of ad-**
9 **vances in silvicultural science.**

10 **(3) Educational programs at the academy must:**

11 **(a) Teach science-based forestry with a solid grounding in current developments in the**
12 **understanding of the forest carbon cycle and in principles of ecological forestry.**

13 **(b) Be designed to provide the students with opportunities to follow research concerning**
14 **the Elliott State Forest.**

15 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is amended to read:**

16 **Sec. 1.** (1) The [*State Forester*] **Elliott State Research Forest Authority** shall establish an
17 Oregon Forest Academy to provide deeper education in forestry and forest management.

18 **(2) The academy must make Elliott State Research Forest educational programs available to**
19 **all students in Oregon elementary and secondary schools who have a passion or talent for forestry,**
20 **with the goal of training a generation of Oregon foresters at the forefront of advances in**
21 **silvicultural science.**

22 **(3) Educational programs at the academy must:**

23 **(a) Teach science-based forestry with a solid grounding in current developments in the under-**
24 **standing of the forest carbon cycle and in principles of ecological forestry.**

25 **(b) Be designed to provide the students with opportunities to follow research concerning the**
26 **Elliott State Research Forest.**

27 **SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to section 1 of this 2023 Act by section 2 of this 2023**
28 **Act become operative on January 2, 2024, only if sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 21 and 24, chapter**
29 **89, Oregon Laws 2022, and the amendments to ORS 30.949, 283.085, 530.450, 530.480, 530.490,**
30 **530.510 and 530.520 by sections 23 and 25 to 30, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022, become oper-**

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 **ative on January 1, 2024.**

2 **(2) Notwithstanding section 1 of this 2023 Act, the State Forester may not establish the**
3 **Oregon Forest Academy described in section 1 of this 2023 Act if all of the events described**
4 **in section 31 (2), chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022, are completed on or before July 1, 2023.**

5 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
6 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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