

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 161**

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 3

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**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.

*[Requires Department of State Lands to study matters relating to management of Elliott State Forest. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2024.]*

**Moves deadline for occurrence of events related to establishment of Elliott State Research Forest to November 1, 2023. Makes certain changes to requirement for event concerning habitat conservation plan for Elliott State Forest.**

**Moves deadline for report on occurrence of events to February 15, 2024.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to the Elliott State Forest; amending sections 31 and 32, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 31, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 31.** (1)(a) Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 to 21 and 24 *[of this 2022 Act]*, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws**  
7 **2022**, and the amendments to ORS 30.949, 283.085, 530.450, 530.480, 530.490, 530.510 and 530.520 by  
8 sections 23 and 25 to 30 *[of this 2022 Act]*, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**, become operative on  
9 January 1, 2024.

10 (b) Sections 3 and 6 *[of this 2022 Act]*, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**, become operative upon  
11 completion of all of the events described in subsection (2) of this section.

12 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, sections 1 to 21 and 24 *[of this 2022 Act]*,  
13 **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**, and the amendments to ORS 30.949, 283.085, 530.450, 530.480,  
14 530.490, 530.510 and 530.520 by sections 23 and 25 to 30 *[of this 2022 Act]*, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws**  
15 **2022**, do not become operative unless, on or before *[July 1, 2023]* **November 1, 2023:**

16 (a) The State Land Board ensures that financial obligations to the Common School Fund related  
17 to the Elliott State Forest are satisfied;

18 (b) The State Land Board votes to decouple the Elliott State Forest from the Common School  
19 Fund and authorizes actions necessary to transfer the forest to management described in sections  
20 1 to 21 *[of this 2022 Act]*, **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022;**

21 (c) The **Department of State Lands submits a habitat conservation plan for the Elliott**  
22 **State Forest to the** National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife  
23 Service *[jointly publish a notice of the availability of a final habitat conservation plan for the Elliott*

**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 *State Forest*] pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531 to 1544)  
2 and **the United States Fish and Wildlife Service initiates preparation of** a final environmental  
3 impact statement [*for the forest*] pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321  
4 et seq.);

5 (d) The Department of State Lands:

6 (A) Contracts for third-party expertise to provide input informing the department's review of a  
7 plan submitted by Oregon State University addressing the financial viability of forest operations and  
8 management that are consistent with the mission and management policies described in section 2  
9 [*of this 2022 Act*], **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**; and

10 (B) After considering the input described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, concludes that  
11 the plan demonstrates financial viability;

12 (e) The State Land Board approves a forest management plan, as described in section 1 [*of this*  
13 *2022 Act*], **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**, for the Elliott State Research Forest; and

14 (f) The Board of Trustees of Oregon State University authorizes the university to participate in  
15 management of the Elliott State Research Forest.

16 (3) The State Forester may take any action upon completion of all of the events described in  
17 subsection (2) of this section and before the operative date specified in subsection (1)(a) of this sec-  
18 tion that the State Land Board, the State Board of Forestry, the State Forestry Department or the  
19 State Forester deems necessary to prepare for the establishment of the Elliott State Research Forest  
20 as described in sections 1 to 21 and 24 [*of this 2022 Act*], **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**, and the  
21 amendments to ORS 30.949, 283.085, 530.450, 530.480, 530.490, 530.510 and 530.520 by sections 23 and  
22 25 to 30 [*of this 2022 Act*], **chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022**.

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 32, chapter 89, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 32.** The State Land Board shall report by [*September 15, 2023*] **February 15, 2024**, to an  
25 interim or regular committee of the Legislative Assembly related to forests, in the manner described  
26 in ORS 192.245, on whether all of the events described in section 31 (2) [*of this 2022 Act*], **chapter**  
27 **89, Oregon Laws 2022**, occurred on or before [*July 1, 2023*] **November 1, 2023**.

28 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
29 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
30 **on its passage.**

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