

# Senate Bill 839

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

## 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**.

Directs State Forestry Department to establish pilot grant program for purpose of managing wildfire risk by promoting use of air curtains by persons that make biochar.  
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for funding grant program.  
Sunsets grant program on June 30, 2025.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to air curtains; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall establish by rule a pilot grant pro-**  
5 **gram for the purpose of managing wildfire risk by promoting the use of air curtains by per-**  
6 **sons that make biochar.**

7 **(2) In administering the program, the department:**

8 **(a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and**

9 **(b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant**  
10 **funds.**

11 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium**  
12 **beginning on July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose**  
13 **of funding the grant program described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

14 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on June 30, 2025.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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**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.