

# Senate Bill 946

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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 **as introduced**.

Establishes certain limitation on projects under Good Neighbor Authority Agreement.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement; amending ORS 526.275.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 526.275 is amended to read:

526.275. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Additive" means an increase in the pace, scale and quality of forest, rangeland and water restoration services on federal lands within Oregon, including but not limited to services to produce timber harvest volumes that exceed outputs that would be produced by federal land management agencies alone.

(b) "Federal land management agencies" means the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) "Forest, rangeland and water restoration services" means activities that:

(A) Treat insect-infested or disease-infected trees;

(B) Reduce hazardous fuels; or

(C) Restore or improve forest, rangeland or watershed health, including but not limited to fish or wildlife habitat health.

(d) "Good Neighbor Authority Agreement" means the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that the Governor, the State Forester and the State Fish and Wildlife Director entered into with the United States Forest Service on March 29, 2016.

(2) It is the policy of the state to pursue projects under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that increase timber harvest volume, contribute to job creation, reduce wildfire risks to all lands, improve wildlife habitat and watershed health and stimulate local economies.

(3) To the extent allowed by the **Good Neighbor Authority** Agreement, state agencies that are signatories to the **Good Neighbor Authority** Agreement:

(a) Shall work with federal land management agencies to give priority to projects that:

*[(a)]* (A) Consist of additive activities;

*[(b)]* (B) Maximize economic benefit to this state; and

*[(c)]* (C) Recover the state agency costs of implementing the projects.

(b) **May only participate in or agree to projects under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that commit to awarding payments to Oregon counties that are calculated based on the gross appraised timber value of federal timber sales resulting from the projects.**

**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.

