

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4014

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

February 21

1 On page 4 of the printed bill, after line 11, insert:

2 “**SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 496.252 by sections 5 and 6 of this 2024 Act become**  
3 **operative on June 30, 2029.**”

4 “**SECTION 4. On the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2024 Act, all unexpended**  
5 **and unobligated moneys appropriated for purposes related to the Landowners Living with**  
6 **Beavers Grant Program shall remain in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund to**  
7 **be used for purposes described in ORS 496.252.**”

8 “**SECTION 5.** ORS 496.252, as amended by section 1 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:

9 “496.252. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is established in the State Treasury,  
10 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Conservation and Re-  
11 creation Fund shall be credited to the fund.

12 “(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and  
13 Wildlife to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources  
14 in Oregon. The activities for which the department may expend fund moneys include, but are not  
15 limited to:

16 “(a) Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and wildlife species by implementing  
17 conservation programs and strategies identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, as defined in  
18 ORS 541.890, including conservation programs and strategies for the nearshore identified in the  
19 marine component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy;

20 “(b) Improving engagement of the public in hunting and fishing opportunities and in other out-  
21 door recreation opportunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

22 “(c) Improving educational outreach and engagement of the public, including diverse and  
23 underserved communities, related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

24 “(d) Engaging in, and providing funding for, joint projects of the department and the State Parks  
25 and Recreation Department or other state agencies as recommended by the Oregon Conservation  
26 and Recreation Advisory Committee established under ORS 496.254; **and**

27 “[*e*] *Implementing a Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program under which the State De-*  
28 *partment of Fish and Wildlife and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission undertake the following,*  
29 *on recommendations from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee:]*”

30 “[*A*] *Awarding grants to eligible applicants, including watershed councils, soil and water conser-*  
31 *vation districts and nonprofit organizations, of not more than \$50,000, in each grant cycle, to implement*  
32 *projects on private land that quickly and efficiently mitigate the effects of beavers that live on, or reg-*  
33 *ularly visit, the private land, including:]*”

34 “[*i*] *Tree protection tools;*”

35 “[*ii*] *Flood prevention devices;*”

1       “(iii) *Culvert and infrastructure protection systems;*]  
2       “(iv) *Crop protection strategies;*]  
3       “(v) *Landowner education and outreach; and]*  
4       “(vi) *Training related to mitigating the effects of beavers;*]  
5       “(B) *Providing statewide technical assistance to develop and expand skills and strategies for co-*  
6 *existing with beavers; and]*  
7       “(C) *Authorizing and administering the expenditures described in this paragraph; and]*  
8       “[(f)] (e) Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement, outdoor  
9 recreation or education activities.  
10       “(3) The fund shall consist of:  
11       “(a) Moneys appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit in the fund  
12 or otherwise transferred to the fund;  
13       “(b) Gifts, grants, contributions or other donations for use as described in subsection (2) of this  
14 section, that are received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be  
15 deposited and credited to the fund; and  
16       “(c) Moneys in the subaccount described in subsection (4) of this section.  
17       “(4) The Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount is established in the fund. The subac-  
18 count shall consist of moneys appropriated to the department for deposit in the subaccount or oth-  
19 erwise transferred to the subaccount and gifts, grants, contributions or other donations that are  
20 received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be deposited and cred-  
21 ited to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be used for:  
22       “(a) The purposes described in, and the administration of, ORS 496.257.  
23       “(b) Conducting outreach to persons that own or operate an artificial obstruction, as defined in  
24 ORS 509.580, to further the goal of fish passage.  
25       “(c) Conducting outreach to persons that may undertake projects described in ORS 496.257.  
26       “(5) The department and the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee shall  
27 jointly submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding  
28 the expenditure of moneys deposited in the fund, other than moneys deposited in the Private Forest  
29 Accord Mitigation Subaccount, and on the status of various activities funded by the moneys.  
30       “(6) The department and the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee shall jointly  
31 submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding the ex-  
32 penditure of moneys deposited in the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount and on the status  
33 of various activities funded by the moneys.  
34       “**SECTION 6.** ORS 496.252, as amended by section 66, chapter 33, Oregon Laws 2022, and sec-  
35 tion 2 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:  
36       “496.252. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is established in the State Treasury,  
37 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Conservation and Re-  
38 creation Fund shall be credited to the fund.  
39       “(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and  
40 Wildlife to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources  
41 in Oregon. The activities for which the department may expend fund moneys include, but are not  
42 limited to:  
43       “(a) Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and wildlife species by implementing  
44 conservation programs and strategies identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, as defined in  
45 ORS 541.890, including conservation programs and strategies for the nearshore identified in the

1 marine component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy;

2 “(b) Improving engagement of the public in hunting and fishing opportunities and in other out-  
3 door recreation opportunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

4 “(c) Improving educational outreach and engagement of the public, including diverse and  
5 underserved communities, related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

6 “(d) Engaging in, and providing funding for, joint projects of the department and the State Parks  
7 and Recreation Department or other state agencies as recommended by the Oregon Conservation  
8 and Recreation Advisory Committee established under ORS 496.254; **and**

9 “[*e*] *Implementing a Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program under which the State De-*  
10 *partment of Fish and Wildlife and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission undertake the following,*  
11 *on recommendations from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee:]*

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13 *vation districts and nonprofit organizations, of not more than \$50,000, in each grant cycle, to implement*  
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22 “[*B*] *Providing statewide technical assistance to develop and expand skills and strategies for co-*  
23 *existing with beavers; and]*

24 “[*C*] *Authorizing and administering the expenditures described in this paragraph; and]*

25 “[*f*] **(e)** Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement, outdoor  
26 recreation or education activities.

27 “(3) The fund shall consist of:

28 “(a) Moneys appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit in the fund  
29 or otherwise transferred to the fund; and

30 “(b) Gifts, grants, contributions or other donations for use as described in subsection (2) of this  
31 section, that are received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be  
32 deposited and credited to the fund.

33 “(4) The department and the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee shall  
34 jointly submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding  
35 the expenditure of moneys deposited in the fund and on the status of various activities funded by  
36 the moneys.”.

37 In line 12, delete “3” and insert “7”.

38 In line 32, delete “4” and insert “8”.

39 On page 5, after line 6, insert:

40 “**SECTION 9. The amendments to ORS 496.254 by sections 10 and 11 of this 2024 Act be-**  
41 **come operative on June 30, 2029.**

42 “**SECTION 10.** ORS 496.254, as amended by section 7 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:

43 “496.254. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is established as an  
44 advisory committee to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the State Department of Fish and  
45 Wildlife for the purpose of carrying out the duties described in subsection (2) of this section. The

1 commission shall determine the number of members of the committee and the geographical repre-  
2 sentation by the members. The Governor shall appoint the members of the committee. The Associate  
3 Director of Outdoor Recreation, or the associate director’s designee, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex  
4 officio member.

5 “(2) The committee shall[:]

6 “[a)] review department policies regarding the use of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund  
7 moneys, other than policies regarding the use of Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount  
8 moneys, and make recommendations to the commission and the department regarding the use of fund  
9 moneys for implementing and administering department activities.

10 “[b) *Make recommendations to the commission and the department on expenditures under the*  
11 *Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program, as described in ORS 496.252 (2)(e).*]

12 “(3) Members of the committee may not receive compensation for service as members. However,  
13 subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees,  
14 a member may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the  
15 performance of official duties from moneys available to the department for the purpose of re-  
16 imbursement of committee members.

17 “**SECTION 11.** ORS 496.254, as amended by section 67, chapter 33, Oregon Laws 2022, and  
18 section 8 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:

19 “496.254. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is established as an  
20 advisory committee to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the State Department of Fish and  
21 Wildlife for the purpose of carrying out the duties described in subsection (2) of this section. The  
22 commission shall determine the number of members of the committee and the geographical repre-  
23 sentation by the members. The Governor shall appoint the members of the committee. The Associate  
24 Director of Outdoor Recreation, or the associate director’s designee, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex  
25 officio member.

26 “(2) The committee shall[:]

27 “[a)] review department policies regarding the use of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund  
28 moneys and make recommendations to the commission and the department regarding the use of fund  
29 moneys for implementing and administering department activities.

30 “[b) *Make recommendations to the commission and the department on expenditures under the*  
31 *Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program, as described in ORS 496.252 (2)(e).*]

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33 subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees,  
34 a member may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the  
35 performance of official duties from moneys available to the department for the purpose of re-  
36 imbursement of committee members.”.

37 In line 7, delete “5” and insert “12”.

38 In line 13, delete “6” and insert “13”.

39 In line 20, delete “7” and insert “14”.