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

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

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

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

"496.252. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund shall be credited to the fund.

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

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

"(b) Improving engagement of the public in hunting and fishing opportunities and in other outdoor recreation opportunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

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

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

"[e) Implementing a Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program under which the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission undertake the following, on recommendations from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee:]

"[(A) Awarding grants to eligible applicants, including watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts and nonprofit organizations, of not more than $50,000, in each grant cycle, to implement projects on private land that quickly and efficiently mitigate the effects of beavers that live on, or regularly visit, the private land, including:]

"[(i) Tree protection tools;]

"[(ii) Flood prevention devices;]
“(iii) Culvert and infrastructure protection systems;
“(iv) Crop protection strategies;
“(v) Landowner education and outreach; and
“(vi) Training related to mitigating the effects of beavers;
“(B) Providing statewide technical assistance to develop and expand skills and strategies for co-
existing with beavers; and
“(C) Authorizing and administering the expenditures described in this paragraph; and)
“(f) (e) Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement, outdoor
recreation or education activities.

“(3) The fund shall consist of:
“(a) Moneys appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit in the fund
or otherwise transferred to the fund;
“(b) Gifts, grants, contributions or other donations for use as described in subsection (2) of this
section, that are received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be
deposited and credited to the fund; and
“(c) Moneys in the subaccount described in subsection (4) of this section.
“(4) The Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount is established in the fund. The subac-
count shall consist of moneys appropriated to the department for deposit in the subaccount or oth-
erwise transferred to the subaccount and gifts, grants, contributions or other donations that are
received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be deposited and cred-
ited to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be used for:
“(a) The purposes described in, and the administration of, ORS 496.257.
“(b) Conducting outreach to persons that own or operate an artificial obstruction, as defined in
ORS 509.580, to further the goal of fish passage.
“(c) Conducting outreach to persons that may undertake projects described in ORS 496.257.
“(5) The department and the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee shall
jointly submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding
the expenditure of moneys deposited in the fund, other than moneys deposited in the Private Forest
Accord Mitigation Subaccount, and on the status of various activities funded by the moneys.
“(6) The department and the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee shall jointly
submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding the expend-
iture of moneys deposited in the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount and on the status
of various activities funded by the moneys.

SECTION 6. ORS 496.252, as amended by section 66, chapter 33, Oregon Laws 2022, and sec-
tion 2 of this 2024 Act, is amended to read:

“496.252. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is established in the State Treasury,
separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Conservation and Re-
creation Fund shall be credited to the fund.
“(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and
Wildlife to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources
in Oregon. The activities for which the department may expend fund moneys include, but are not
limited to:
“(a) Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and wildlife species by implementing
conservation programs and strategies identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, as defined in
ORS 541.890, including conservation programs and strategies for the nearshore identified in the
marine component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy;

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

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

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

“(e) Implementing a Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program under which the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission undertake the following, on recommendations from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee:

“(A) Awarding grants to eligible applicants, including watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts and nonprofit organizations, of not more than $50,000, in each grant cycle, to implement projects on private land that quickly and efficiently mitigate the effects of beavers that live on, or regularly visit, the private land, including:

“(i) Tree protection tools;

“(ii) Flood prevention devices;

“(iii) Culvert and infrastructure protection systems;

“(iv) Crop protection strategies;

“(v) Landowner education and outreach; and

“(vi) Training related to mitigating the effects of beavers;

“(B) Providing statewide technical assistance to develop and expand skills and strategies for co-existing with beavers; and

“(C) Authorizing and administering the expenditures described in this paragraph; and

“(f) Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement, outdoor recreation or education activities.

“(3) The fund shall consist of:

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

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

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

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

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

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 9. The amendments to ORS 496.254 by sections 10 and 11 of this 2024 Act become operative on June 30, 2029.

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

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

“(2) The committee shall[:]

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

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

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

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

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

“(2) The committee shall[:]

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

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

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

In line 7, delete “5” and insert “12”.
In line 13, delete “6” and insert “13”.
In line 20, delete “7” and insert “14”.

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