

# House Bill 3117

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency to study ways to fund responses to natural disasters. The Act tells the agency to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.2).

Directs the State Forestry Department to study funding for preventing, responding to and recovering from natural disasters. Directs the department to report on the study to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding for responses to natural disasters.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall study mechanisms for funding re-**  
5 **sponses to wildfire and other natural disasters.**

6 **(2) The study must:**

7 **(a) Examine sources of potential funding, including international, federal, state, local and**  
8 **private aid.**

9 **(b) Examine models for cost sharing between levels of government and private**  
10 **stakeholders.**

11 **(c) Examine insurance-based solutions and public-private partnerships.**

12 **(d) Examine disaster relief funds and emergency management frameworks.**

13 **(e) Examine models of long-term, sustainable funding for natural disaster prevention,**  
14 **response and recovery.**

15 **(f) Examine the impact of climate change on funding needs and adaptation strategies.**

16 **(g) Identify innovative and sustainable funding solutions that can be adapted for Oregon's**  
17 **wildfire and nature disaster preparedness and response systems.**

18 **(h) Evaluate the effectiveness of various funding models in meeting immediate response**  
19 **needs, achieving long-term recovery and mitigating natural disasters.**

20 **(i) Analyze the equity and accessibility of different funding approaches for communities**  
21 **most vulnerable to wildfire and natural disasters.**

22 **(3) The department shall submit a report on the study in the manner provided by ORS**  
23 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the committees or interim**  
24 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September**  
25 **15, 2026.**

26 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**  
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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.