

# Senate Bill 1051

Sponsored by Senator JAMA (at the request of Governor Tina Kotek)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act gives the Governor the power to appoint a State Forester. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Transfers the authority to appoint a State Forester from the State Board of Forestry to the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the State Forester; amending ORS 526.031.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 526.031 is amended to read:

5 526.031. (1) [*The State Board of Forestry shall appoint a State Forester, who must be a practical*  
6 *forester familiar with western conditions and experienced in organization for the prevention of forest*  
7 *fires.*] **The Governor shall appoint a State Forester, subject to Senate confirmation under ORS**  
8 **171.562 and 171.565.** The forester shall be the chief executive officer of the State Forestry Depart-  
9 ment. The forester shall hold office at the pleasure of the [*board*] **Governor**, and shall act as [*its*  
10 *secretary*] **the secretary of the State Board of Forestry.**

11 (2) With the approval of the board and subject to applicable provisions of the State Personnel  
12 Relations Law, the State Forester may appoint a Deputy State Forester, assistant state foresters and  
13 other employees of the department. **The State Forester or Deputy State Forester must be a**  
14 **practical forester familiar with western conditions and experienced in organization for the**  
15 **prevention of forest fire.** During the State Forester's absence or disability, all authority shall be  
16 exercised by the Deputy State Forester [*or by the assistant whom the State Forester or the board, by*  
17 *written order filed with the Secretary of State, has designated as Acting State Forester*].

18 [(3) *The board shall fix the compensation of the State Forester. In addition to their salaries, the*  
19 *forester, the deputy and assistants shall be reimbursed, subject to the limitations otherwise provided*  
20 *by law, for their actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their*  
21 *duties.*]

22 (3)(a) **The State Forester shall receive a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided,**  
23 **as prescribed by the Governor.**

24 (b) **In addition to salary, but subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other**  
25 **expenses of state officers and employees, the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and**  
26 **assistant state foresters shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-**  
27 **penses incurred by the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assistant state**  
28 **foresters in the performance of official duties.**

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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.