

Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1051**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and insert:

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

5 *“526.031. [(1) The State Board of Forestry shall appoint a State Forester,*
6 *who must be a practical forester familiar with western conditions and experi-*
7 *enced in organization for the prevention of forest fires. The forester shall be*
8 *the chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department. The forester shall*
9 *hold office at the pleasure of the board, and shall act as its secretary.]*

10 **“(1) The Governor shall appoint a State Forester subject to Senate**
11 **confirmation under ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The forester shall be the**
12 **chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department and shall act**
13 **as the secretary of the State Board of Forestry. The forester shall**
14 **serve a term of four years at the pleasure of the Governor and shall**
15 **be eligible for reappointment.**

16 **“(2) With the approval of the board and subject to applicable provisions**
17 **of the State Personnel Relations Law, the State Forester may appoint a**
18 **Deputy State Forester, assistant state foresters and other employees of the**
19 **department. The State Forester or Deputy State Forester must be a**
20 **practical forester familiar with western conditions and experienced in**
21 **organization for the prevention of forest fire. During the State Forester’s**

1 absence or disability, all authority shall be exercised by the Deputy State
2 Forester [*or by the assistant whom the State Forester or the board, by written*
3 *order filed with the Secretary of State, has designated as Acting State*
4 *Forester*].

5 “[(3) *The board shall fix the compensation of the State Forester. In addition*
6 *to their salaries, the forester, the deputy and assistants shall be reimbursed,*
7 *subject to the limitations otherwise provided by law, for their actual and nec-*
8 *essary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.*]

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

11 “(b) **In addition to salary, but subject to any applicable law regu-**
12 **lating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees, the**
13 **State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assistant state foresters**
14 **shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses**
15 **incurred by the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assist-**
16 **ant state foresters in the performance of official duties.**

17 “**SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**
18 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
19 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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