

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDFIRE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 147**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “Forest” insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; amending ORS 30.949, 283.085, 530.480, 530.490, 530.510 and 530.520;
3 and repealing ORS 530.450”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:
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6 **“ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST**
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8 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made**
9 **a part of ORS chapter 273.**

10 **“SECTION 2. (1) The state forest formerly known as the Elliott**
11 **State Forest shall be known as the Elliott State Research Forest.**

12 **“(2) The State Land Board shall manage, control and protect the**
13 **forest for the dedicated purpose of maintaining a world-class research**
14 **forest.**

15 **“(3) The Department of State Lands may take any action necessary**
16 **for the management of the forest, including but not limited to:**

17 **“(a) Adopting rules in compliance with ORS chapter 183;**

18 **“(b) Adopting policies and plans;**

19 **“(c) Entering into intergovernmental agreements; and**

20 **“(d) Convening advisory committees.**

21 **“(4) The Director of the Department of State Lands has all author-**

1 ity to procure, or supervise the procurement of, goods and services
2 related to the management of the forest, including but not limited to
3 personal services and professional services related to facilities used for
4 management of the forest. Exercise of procurement authority under
5 this subsection is not subject to the Public Contracting Code.

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7 **“EXPANSION OR EXCHANGE OF LANDS**

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9 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Elliott State Research Forest shall consist of**
10 **lands determined by a resolution of the State Land Board, as modified**
11 **by any subsequent expansion or exchange of lands authorized by this**
12 **section.**

13 **“(2) The board may not sell any lands in the forest, but may ap-**
14 **prove an expansion of lands in the forest, or an exchange of lands in**
15 **the forest or timber on the lands, that furthers the purposes set forth**
16 **in section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

17 **“(3) Lands in the forest may be exchanged:**

18 **“(a) Only if the exchange consolidates the forest.**

19 **“(b) Only for lands of approximately equal aggregate value or a**
20 **combination of lands and monetary consideration of approximately**
21 **equal aggregate value.**

22 **“(4) Lands in the forest that are county-owned lands or lands ac-**
23 **quired under ORS 530.010 to 530.040 may be exchanged only if the**
24 **county court or board of county commissioners of each county in**
25 **which the land is situated has been provided notice of the proposed**
26 **exchange and the opportunity to consult, coordinate and comment on**
27 **the proposed exchange. The board shall provide the county with ade-**
28 **quate compensation for the exchange.**

29 **“(5) The board shall consummate by legal conveyance an expansion**
30 **or exchange described in this section.**

1 **“(6) After an expansion or exchange of lands under this section:**

2 **“(a) The board shall establish by resolution the lands constituting**
3 **the forest; and**

4 **“(b) The lands acquired by expansion or exchange become part of**
5 **the forest on the date on which the board adopts the resolution de-**
6 **scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

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8 **“ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST ACCOUNT**

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10 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Elliott State Research Forest Account is es-**
11 **tablished in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General**
12 **Fund. Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the account.**

13 **“(2) The account shall consist of all moneys deposited in the ac-**
14 **count or otherwise transferred to the account. Moneys in the account**
15 **may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.857. Moneys in the**
16 **account are continuously appropriated to the State Land Board for**
17 **carrying out the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.**

18 **“(3) Moneys generated from owning or operating the Elliott State**
19 **Research Forest, including from any sale of forest products, carbon**
20 **or ecosystem services or credits or easement, and any other revenues**
21 **related to the forest, shall be deposited in the account.**

22 **“(4) The board may receive gifts, grants, bequests, endowments and**
23 **donations of moneys from public and private sources for the purpose**
24 **of contributing to the management and enhancement of the forest,**
25 **including for activities such as recreation, education, interpretation,**
26 **research and monitoring, cultural resources management and habitat**
27 **improvement.**

28 **“(5) The board may apply for, accept and utilize grants from any**
29 **source, including federal, state or local governments or private enti-**
30 **ties, to further the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025**

1 **Act.**

2 **“(6) The board shall deposit moneys received under subsection (4)**
3 **or (5) of this section in the account. The board may expend moneys**
4 **received under subsection (4) or (5) of this section only for purposes**
5 **specified in the gift, grant, bequest, endowment or donation. If no**
6 **purpose is specified, the board may use the moneys for the manage-**
7 **ment and enhancement of the forest in a manner consistent with the**
8 **purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.**

9 **“(7) The board shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the**
10 **account or otherwise transferred to the account. The record shall in-**
11 **dicate the sources of moneys and the individual activity or program**
12 **against which each withdrawal from the account is charged.**

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14 **“CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FINANCING**

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16 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 283.085 is amended to read:

17 **“283.085. As used in ORS 283.085 to 283.092:**

18 **“(1) ‘Available funds’ means funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-**
19 **able by the Legislative Assembly to pay amounts due under a financing**
20 **agreement for the fiscal period in which the payments are due, unexpended**
21 **proceeds of the financing agreement and reserves or other amounts that have**
22 **been deposited in trust to pay amounts due under the financing agreement.**

23 **“(2) ‘Credit enhancement agreement’ means any agreement or contractual**
24 **relationship between the state and any bank, trust company, insurance com-**
25 **pany, surety bonding company, pension fund or other financial institution**
26 **providing additional credit on or security for a financing agreement or cer-**
27 **tificates of participation authorized by ORS 283.085 to 283.092.**

28 **“(3) ‘Financing agreement’ means a lease purchase agreement, an install-**
29 **ment sale agreement, a loan agreement or any other agreement:**

30 **“(a) To finance real or personal property that is or will be owned and**

1 operated by the state or any of its agencies;

2 “(b) To finance infrastructure, including but not limited to telecommuni-
3 cations systems, systems for water, sewage, electricity, steam or natural gas
4 and other equipment or improvements that are necessary or appropriate to
5 support a facility that is, or will be, owned or operated by the state;

6 “(c) To finance infrastructure components that are, or will be, owned or
7 operated by a local government agency of this state if the Director of the
8 Oregon Department of Administrative Services determines that financing the
9 infrastructure facilitates the construction or operation of an adult or juve-
10 nile corrections facility or a public safety training facility owned or operated
11 by the state or any of its agencies;

12 “(d) To finance all or a portion of the state’s pension liabilities for re-
13 tirement, health care or disability benefits, in an amount that produces net
14 proceeds that do not exceed the State Treasurer’s estimate of those liabilities
15 based on information provided to the State Treasurer by the Public Em-
16 ployees Retirement System;

17 “(e) To finance:

18 “(A) The release of all or a portion of the **former** Elliott State Forest
19 from restrictions resulting from ownership of that forest by the Common
20 School Fund; or

21 “(B) Compensation paid to the Common School Fund for the preservation
22 of noneconomic benefits of the forest through the imposition, transfer or sale
23 of restrictions such as easements, use requirements or other methods that
24 preserve noneconomic benefits of the forest for the public, including recre-
25 ation, aesthetics, wildlife or habitat preservation or other environmental and
26 quality of life considerations; [*or*]

27 “**(f) To finance capital projects or purchases related to owning, op-**
28 **erating or administering the Elliott State Research Forest; or**

29 “[*f*] **(g)** To refinance previously executed financing agreements.

30 “(4) ‘Financing costs’ means costs or expenses that the director deter-

1 mines are necessary or desirable in connection with entering into financing
2 agreements and maintaining the certificate of participation program, includ-
3 ing but not limited to payment of:

4 “(a) Amounts due under financing agreements;

5 “(b) Costs and obligations the director or any other agency of the state
6 incurs in connection with the exercise of a power granted by ORS 283.085
7 to 283.092; and

8 “(c) Amounts due in connection with the investment of proceeds of fi-
9 nancing agreements.

10 “(5) ‘Personal property’ means tangible personal property, software and
11 fixtures.

12 “(6) ‘Property rights’ means, with respect to personal property, the rights
13 of a secured party under ORS chapter 79, and, with respect to real property,
14 the rights of a trustee or lender under a lease authorized by ORS 283.089
15 (1)(e).

16 “(7) ‘Software’ means software and training and maintenance contracts
17 related to the operation of computing equipment.

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19 **“DECOUPLING ELLIOTT STATE FOREST**

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21 **“SECTION 6. ORS 530.450 is repealed.**

22 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 530.480 is amended to read:

23 “530.480. As the Common School Forest Lands are determined as required
24 by ORS 530.450 to 530.520, such lands shall be described by legal subdivision.
25 The State Land Board and the State Board of Forestry, respectively in their
26 regular meetings, shall by separate board resolutions designate and set aside
27 such lands as a part of the Common School Forest Lands[; *lands in the*
28 *Elliott State Forest, as determined by ORS 530.450, shall be similarly de-*
29 *scribed and reserved*]. A copy of each board resolution certified by the Di-
30 rector of the Department of State Lands or the State Forester, respectively,

1 together with the description of the lands involved, shall be filed with the
2 Secretary of State, who shall keep such copies and descriptions in conjunc-
3 tion with the auditing records of the State Forestry Department Account.

4 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 530.490 is amended to read:

5 “530.490. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, or author-
6 ity granted thereunder, after the State Board of Forestry and State Land
7 Board resolutions and legal descriptions are filed with the Secretary of State
8 as required by ORS 530.480, the State Forester hereby shall be authorized,
9 under the supervision of the State Board of Forestry and the regulations of
10 that board, to manage, control and protect the Common School Forest Lands.
11 [*Also, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, or authority granted*
12 *thereunder, the State Forester hereby is authorized, under the supervision of*
13 *the State Board of Forestry and the regulations of that board, to manage,*
14 *control and protect the Elliott State Forest Lands. In each instance]* The State
15 Forester shall manage, control and protect such forests and forestlands so
16 as to secure the greatest permanent value of the lands to the whole people
17 of the State of Oregon, particularly for the dedicated purposes of the lands
18 and the common schools to which the resources of the lands are devoted.

19 “(2) Easements on, over and across the Common School Forest Lands [*and*
20 *the Elliott State Forest Lands*] may be granted as follows:

21 “(a) Permanent easements determined by the State Forester and State
22 Board of Forestry as necessary to accomplish the dedicated purposes of such
23 lands may be granted by the Department of State Lands.

24 “(b) Easements other than permanent may be granted by the State
25 Forester under joint rules of the State Board of Forestry and Department
26 of State Lands.

27 “(3) The authority granted the State Forester in this section shall not
28 supersede the authority of the Department of State Lands to grant easements
29 on or leases for the Common School Forest Lands [*and Elliott State Forest*
30 *Lands*] for grazing purposes or for the exploration and development of min-

1 erals, oil or gas, and any consideration received by the Department of State
2 Lands therefor shall be excepted from the provisions of ORS 530.520. How-
3 ever, the Department of State Lands shall cooperate with the forestry pro-
4 gram of the State Forester in granting such easements and leases and make
5 provisions therein for continuing the primary purposes for which such land
6 has been dedicated.

7 **SECTION 9.** ORS 530.510 is amended to read:

8 “530.510. (1) The State Forester may propose and initiate any exchange
9 of [*land of the Elliott State Forest or*] Common School Forest Lands, or pro-
10 pose and initiate any exchange of timber on such lands, for land of approxi-
11 mately equal aggregate value, when any such exchange is in the furtherance
12 of the purposes of ORS 530.450 to 530.520. However:

13 “[*(1) Any exchange of land of the Elliott State Forest must be for the con-*
14 *solidation of the forest;*]

15 “[*(2)*] (a) The State Land Board and the State Board of Forestry shall,
16 each separately, approve such exchanges by resolutions of the respective
17 boards; and

18 “[*(3)*] (b) The county court or board of county commissioners of the
19 county, or counties, in which such land is situated, shall approve such ex-
20 change, and after such approval the exchanges shall be consummated by le-
21 gal conveyance from the Department of State Lands.

22 “[*(4)*] (2) Under the authority granted in this section, in addition to land
23 to be exchanged, a monetary consideration may be provided or received
24 where necessary to make the values comply with this section. No exchange
25 shall be made until title to the lands to be received has been approved by
26 the Attorney General. All lands received in exchange shall have the same
27 status and be subject to the same provisions of law as the lands given in
28 exchange therefor.

29 **SECTION 10.** ORS 530.520 is amended to read:

30 “530.520. (1) Excepting receipts from the easements and leases designated

1 in ORS 530.490 (3), all receipts from [*the Elliott State Forest and*] the Com-
2 mon School Forest Lands shall be paid into the Common School Fund and
3 are continuously appropriated to the Department of State Lands for the
4 purposes for which other moneys in the Common School Fund may be used
5 and to reimburse the Common School Forest Revolving Fund as provided in
6 subsection (2) of this section.

7 “(2)(a) The Common School Forest Revolving Fund, in an amount not
8 exceeding \$300,000, is established as a fund, separate and distinct from the
9 General Fund, in the State Treasury. Interest earned by the fund shall be
10 credited to the fund. The revolving fund is continuously appropriated to the
11 State Forester for the payment of administrative expenses incurred by the
12 State Forester in the management, control and protection of [*the Elliott State*
13 *Forest and*] the Common School Forest Lands and in processing the sale of
14 forest products and the disposal of privileges under ORS 530.500. The re-
15 volving fund shall be reimbursed at least once each month by submission to
16 the Department of State Lands of a claim for payment approved by the State
17 Forester and payment of the claim to the revolving fund out of the Common
18 School Fund, that payment representing a portion of receipts paid into the
19 Common School Fund under subsection (1) of this section.

20 “(b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, ‘administrative
21 expenses’ means a classification of expenses incurred by the State Forester
22 in performing functions referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection as a
23 whole, rather than expenses incurred in performing any specific function
24 that is a part of the whole; and it means expenditures recognized as operat-
25 ing costs of a current or past period, including refund of overpayments in the
26 sale of forest products, and capital expenditures for buildings, furniture,
27 fixtures or equipment.

28 “(3) After the end of each six-month period the State Forester shall sub-
29 mit to the Department of State Lands a statement of capital asset account
30 balances as of the end of that period for buildings, furniture, fixtures and

1 equipment held by the State Forester in performing functions referred to in
2 subsection (2)(a) of this section and in which the Common School Fund has
3 a vested interest, showing the amount of that interest.

4 **“SECTION 11.** ORS 30.949 is amended to read:

5 “30.949. (1) As used in this section:

6 “(a) ‘Access road’ means a road owned or maintained by the State
7 Forestry Department.

8 “(b) ‘Forest practice’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 527.620.

9 “(c) ‘State forestland’ means:

10 “(A) Forestland acquired under ORS 530.010 to 530.040; and

11 “(B) Common School Forest Lands [*and Elliott State Forest Lands*] man-
12 aged under ORS 530.490.

13 “(2) A private entity that contracts with the State Forestry Department
14 to perform a forest practice has a right of action for the amount of actual
15 damages against any person that, while on state forestland or an access road
16 on state forestland, intentionally commits an act that hinders, impairs or
17 obstructs or is an attempt to hinder, impair or obstruct, the performance of
18 the forest practice by the private entity. A court shall award a plaintiff
19 prevailing under this section reasonable attorney fees and costs.

20 “(3) If the contract between the private entity and the department pro-
21 vides for the private entity to perform forest practices in a defined area of
22 state forestland that lies in more than one county, venue for a cause of
23 action under this section is proper in any county containing part of the area
24 of state forestland defined by the contract terms in effect on the date the
25 cause of action arose.

26 “(4) An action under this section must be commenced within two years
27 after the date of the act giving rise to the cause of action.

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29 **“TRANSFER OF DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

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1 **“SECTION 12. All of the duties, functions, powers and lawfully in-**
2 **curred rights and obligations of the State Board of Forestry that are**
3 **based on the authority in ORS chapter 530 and that pertain to the**
4 **former Elliott State Forest are transferred to and vested in the State**
5 **Land Board for the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025**
6 **Act related to the Elliott State Research Forest. The transfer shall**
7 **include all applicable contractual rights and obligations and title to**
8 **all applicable records, property, supplies and materials, including**
9 **equipment, books and papers. For the purpose of succession to these**
10 **rights and obligations, the State Land Board is considered to be a**
11 **continuation of the State Board of Forestry and not a new authority,**
12 **and the State Land Board must exercise such rights and fulfill such**
13 **obligations as if they had not been assigned or transferred, except as**
14 **otherwise provided by law.**

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“CAPTIONS

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18 **“SECTION 13. The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided**
19 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**
20 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**
21 **enactment of this 2025 Act.”.**

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