

SB 1590 -1, -2, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits public bodies from using state or local funds, data, technology, equipment, personnel, or other resources to assist the federal government in selling or transferring certain federal lands to private parties. It only applies to real property managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, or the National Park Service. It exempts property located within an urban growth boundary and transfers for infrastructure, utility, or transportation purposes, surplus federal buildings, and lands held in trust for, or transferred for the benefit of, a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon or a tribal member. These provisions are repealed on January 2, 2029. It declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sanctuary Promise Law and types of public lands and concerns around their sales
- -1 and -2 amendments, and a potential amendment addressing in lieu lands
- Repeal date of January 2, 2029
- Types of property transfers exempted
- Oregon Department of Forestry Funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 amendment revises exemptions to include transfers for conservation and recreation use, and extends the repeal date from January 2, 2029 to January 2, 2032.

-2 amendment replaces the measure.

Detailed Summary:

The amendment Directs the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to revise the draft Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan to reflect Alternative 5 (Increased Timber Harvest) from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It requires ODF to submit the revised plan to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service and exempts these actions from the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS 183).

-4 amendment includes changes in the -1 amendment and adds that the measure does not apply to land that is acquired by the Department of State Lands in lieu of lands granted under the 1859 Act; or consists solely of timber, minerals, or other natural resources. It also clarifies that it does not prohibit public bodies from taking actions necessary to protect a public property interest, resolve a cloud on title, or carry out activities otherwise required under state law.

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service manage federally owned lands in Oregon. When authorized under federal law, these agencies may dispose of certain parcels through competitive

sales or negotiated transactions. BLM land sales generally involve undeveloped public lands without improvements. The BLM may also conduct land exchanges with other landowners to consolidate federal holdings and support land management objectives ([BLM](#)).