

House Bill 2741

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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**.

Requires State Board of Forestry to transfer ownership of former county forestland back to county, upon request, if former county forestland is 10 percent or less of all former county forestland owned by board.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to transfers of forestland from the State Board of Forestry to counties.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Upon written request by the governing body of a county, the State Board
5 of Forestry shall transfer forestland from board ownership to the county if:

6 (a) The forestland was acquired by the board under ORS 530.010 to 530.040;

7 (b) The forestland belonged to the county immediately prior to acquisition of the
8 forestland by the board; and

9 (c) The forestland acquired from the county is 10 percent or less of the forestland that
10 belonged to counties immediately prior to acquisition by the board under ORS 530.010 to
11 530.040. For purposes of determining a percentage under this paragraph, forestland amounts
12 acquired under ORS 530.010 to 530.040 are determined based on board ownership on January
13 1, 2019.

14 (2) A transfer of forestland to county ownership under this section does not:

15 (a) Terminate or alter the terms of any contract entered into, or license or permit is-
16 sued, by the State Forestry Department prior to the transfer that authorizes the harvesting
17 of forest products, mining or other extraction of resources or conducting other activities on
18 the land;

19 (b) Allow the county to interfere with the fulfillment of a contract or exercise of a license
20 or permit described in paragraph (a) of this subsection;

21 (c) Relieve the department from payment to the county as provided under ORS 530.010
22 to 530.170 for any obligation to the county arising out of contracts, licenses or permits de-
23 scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection; or

24 (d) Release any lien or other security interest in the forestland granted by the depart-
25 ment that attached prior to the transfer. However, the department shall reimburse the
26 county for any injury suffered by the county as a result of foreclosure of a lien or security
27 interest described in this paragraph.

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