

**B-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4166**

Ordered by the House March 3  
Including House Amendments dated February 21 and March 3

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Paul Holvey)

**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.

Authorizes Oregon Department of Administrative Services to contract for independent economist to perform work related to wildfire protection and wildfire suppression cost and funding source information for lands protected by State Forestry Department. Provides for appointment of project team or technical advisory group to assist economist. Requires completion of work and report of findings and recommendations no later than March 1, 2021.

**Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for biennium ending June 30, 2021, for purpose of carrying out contracting and oversight.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to an analysis of wildfire economics on lands protected by the State Forestry Department;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services may enter into a**  
6 **contract for an independent economist to:**

7 **(a) Collect data and other information regarding:**

8 **(A) The actual costs of wildfire protection and wildfire suppression on lands protected**  
9 **by the State Forestry Department; and**

10 **(B) The source of moneys used to pay costs of wildfire protection and wildfire sup-**  
11 **pression on lands protected by the State Forestry Department;**

12 **(b) Identify ways to improve tracking and substantiation for costs described in paragraph**  
13 **(a)(A) of this subsection and for funding sources described in paragraph (a)(B) of this sub-**  
14 **section, including but not limited to appropriate in-kind contributions;**

15 **(c) Compare Oregon costs and funding sources for wildfire protection and wildfire sup-**  
16 **pression on lands protected by the State Forestry Department with costs and funding**  
17 **sources for wildfire protection and wildfire suppression in comparable states;**

18 **(d) Identify regional differences in costs and funding sources for wildfire protection and**  
19 **wildfire suppression on lands protected by the State Forestry Department; and**

20 **(e) Provide data and information described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection in**  
21 **a format that will enable an informed discussion regarding the equitable allocation of wildfire**  
22 **protection and wildfire suppression costs on lands protected by the State Forestry Depart-**  
23 **ment and regarding the value of that wildfire protection and wildfire suppression toward the**  
24 **protection of private and public assets.**

25 **(2) The economist contracting with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services**

**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.

1 under subsection (1) of this section shall perform the work in collaboration with a project  
2 team or technical advisory group convened and overseen by the department. The President  
3 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the  
4 project team or technical advisory group. The project team or technical advisory group shall  
5 consist of the following, each of whom must have expertise regarding costs and funding  
6 sources for wildfire protection and wildfire suppression:

- 7 (a) One representative of the Legislative Fiscal Office;
- 8 (b) One representative of the Legislative Revenue Officer;
- 9 (c) One representative of the State Forestry Department;
- 10 (d) One representative of the Emergency Fire Cost Committee;
- 11 (e) One representative of the forest industry;
- 12 (f) One small woodland owner; and
- 13 (g) Two representatives of public interest groups.

14 (3) The economist and the project team or technical advisory group shall complete the  
15 work described in subsection (1) of this section and report the resulting findings and rec-  
16 ommendations to the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response and to a committee of the  
17 Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources, in the manner provided under ORS  
18 192.245, no later than March 1, 2021.

19 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
20 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium ending June 30,  
21 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000, which may be expended for the pur-  
22 pose of carrying out section 1 of this 2020 Act.

23 **SECTION 3.** This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect  
25 on its passage.