

House Bill 2773

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Directs State Board of Forestry, pursuant to joint rules adopted by State Board of Forestry and State Land Board, to establish pilot project for county management of certain Elliott State Forest Lands.

Sunsets January 2, 2030.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Elliott State Forest.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Board of Forestry, pursuant to joint rules adopted by the State**
5 **Board of Forestry and the State Land Board, shall establish a pilot project for county man-**
6 **agement of certain Elliott State Forest Lands. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other**
7 **law, or authority granted thereunder, the pilot project must allow for the State Forester to**
8 **delegate the State Forester's authority under ORS 530.490 to manage, control and protect**
9 **Elliott State Forest Lands as follows:**

10 (a) **The authority to manage, control and protect Elliott State Forest Lands located in**
11 **Coos County may be delegated to the governing body of Coos County; and**

12 (b) **The authority to manage, control and protect Elliott State Forest Lands located in**
13 **Douglas County may be delegated to the governing body of Douglas County.**

14 (2) **In developing the pilot project provided for in this section, the State Board of Forestry**
15 **and the State Land Board shall consult with the governing bodies of Coos and Douglas**
16 **Counties.**

17 (3) **The payment of administrative expenses incurred by the governing body of Coos or**
18 **Douglas County in the management, control and protection of Elliott State Forest Lands and**
19 **in processing the sale of forest products and the disposal of privileges under ORS 530.500**
20 **under the pilot project must be paid by the State Forester out of funds appropriated to the**
21 **State Forester in the Common School Forest Revolving Fund established under 530.520.**

22 (4) **Rules adopted pursuant to this section must include provisions for:**

23 (a) **Establishing safeguards to ensure that a county delegated authority under the pilot**
24 **project is able to carry out the duties of the State Forester related to the management,**
25 **control and protection of Elliott State Forest Lands under ORS 530.450 to 530.520; and**

26 (b) **Implementation and administration of subsection (3) of this section.**

27 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed January 2, 2030.**
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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.