

Senate Bill 544

Sponsored by Senator GIROD; Senators FINDLEY, THATCHER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires State Forester to carry out appraisal and sale of forest products on state-owned forestland damaged by wildfire.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to forest products on state-owned forestland damaged by wildfire.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "State-owned forestland" means state forestland described in ORS 530.050 and lands
6 designated as Common School Forest Lands as provided under ORS 530.460.

7 (b) "Wildfire" means:

8 (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, a fire originating on or
9 spreading to state-owned forestland.

10 (B) "Wildfire" does not mean a fire that:

11 (i) Is lawfully set for burning snags, slash or debris as part of a forest operation or for
12 a campfire or other permitted purpose;

13 (ii) Burns under controlled conditions within a planned limited area; and

14 (iii) Is intended to consume all forest products within a planned limited area.

15 (2) If state-owned forestland is damaged by wildfire, the State Forester shall conduct an
16 appraisal of the forestland and shall offer the forest products on the forestland for sale as
17 provided in ORS 530.059. The State Forester shall conduct an appraisal and sale required by
18 this section as soon as practicable after the wildfire damaging the state-owned forestland is
19 extinguished.

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act applies to state-owned forestland that is damaged**
21 **by wildfire on or after the effective date of this 2021 Act.**
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