

# Senate Bill 1573

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Presession 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**.

Appropriates \$50 million to State Forestry Department to fund increased forest thinning operations in specified wildfire-prone counties. Directs department to allocate \$5 million to fund forest thinning operations on public lands located in each wildfire-prone county. Requires department to confer with county governing body of each county to determine which specific forest thinning operations to fund.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding for forest thinning; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
5 **ated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the**  
6 **General Fund, the amount of \$50 million, which may be expended for the purpose of making**  
7 **the distributions to wildfire-prone counties and conducting forest thinning operations de-**  
8 **scribed in section 2 of this 2022 Act.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) Moneys appropriated to the State Forestry Department under section 1**  
10 **of this 2022 Act shall be used to conduct forest thinning operations in Clackamas, Deschutes,**  
11 **Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion counties.**

12 **(2) From the appropriation described in subsection (1) of this section, the department**  
13 **shall allocate \$5 million to fund forest thinning operations on public lands in each county**  
14 **listed in subsection (1) of this section. The department shall confer with the county govern-**  
15 **ing body for each county to determine specific thinning operations to be conducted, so that:**

16 **(a) Forest thinning operations on state lands located in a county may be used to directly**  
17 **fund department operations to conduct forest thinning; and**

18 **(b) The remaining balance of moneys may be used to fund county governing body efforts**  
19 **to increase forest thinning operations on public lands within that county.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect**  
22 **on its passage.**

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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.