

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 872

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB, Representative MORGAN; Senators THATCHER, WEBER, Representatives DIEHL, OSBORNE, RESCHKE, WRIGHT

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.

Instructs State Forestry Department to endeavor to partner with federal agencies to undertake certain activities in federal forests related to fire prevention and request that federal agencies fund **portions of** activities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the prevention of wildfire in federal forests.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall:**

5 **(a) In collaboration with any forest protective association or agency that is under con-**
6 **tract or agreement with the State Board of Forestry for the protection of forestland against**
7 **fire, and whose protection area is or may be affected by a fire on nearby federal lands, and**
8 **with a focus on protecting lands and rural communities within the wildland-urban interface,**
9 **as defined pursuant to ORS 477.027, from fire on federal lands, endeavor to further shared**
10 **stewardship to decrease wildfire risk across Oregon through increased partnership with fed-**
11 **eral agencies to expand activities under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement described**
12 **in ORS 526.275 in federal forests through:**

13 **(A) Increasing forest thinning.**

14 **(B) Reducing ladder fuels and other hazardous fuel loading.**

15 **(C) Restoring meadowland.**

16 **(D) Increasing biomass utilization.**

17 **(E) Increasing post-disturbance recovery and restoration activities.**

18 **(b) Request that the federal agencies fund portions of the activities described in para-**
19 **graph (a) of this subsection.**

20 **(2) Activities undertaken pursuant to subsection (1) of this section must be executed in**
21 **a manner that protects and enhances the long-term ecological health of a landscape, in**
22 **conformance with the most broadly accepted scientific principles of forestry.**

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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.