

# Senate Bill 874

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## 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**.

Requires State Forestry Department to establish by rule pilot grant program for purpose of managing wildfire risk by certain methods.

Sunset grant program on June 30, 2025.

Appropriates moneys to department out of General Fund for purpose of funding grant program.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to wildfire; and prescribing an effective date.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall establish by rule a pilot grant pro-**  
4 **gram for the purpose of managing wildfire risk by:**

5 (a) Encouraging methods that include, but are not limited to, clearing ladder fuels, cre-  
6 ating slash piles, removing underbrush and using other forest management practices.

7 (b) Promoting the use of air curtains by persons that make biochar.

8 (2) In administering the program, the department:

9 (a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and

10 (b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant  
11 funds.

12 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium**  
13 **beginning on July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose**  
14 **of funding the grant program described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on June 30, 2025.**

16 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
17 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.