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Requested by Senator GOLDEN

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 872

1 Delete lines 4 through 13 of the printed bill and insert:

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

"(a) In collaboration with any forest protective association or 3 agency that is under contract or agreement with the State Board of 4 Forestry for the protection of forestland against fire, and whose pro-5 tection area is or may be affected by a fire on nearby federal lands, 6 and with a focus on protecting lands and rural communities within the 7 wildland-urban interface, as defined pursuant to ORS 477.027, from fire 8 on federal lands, endeavor to further shared stewardship to decrease 9 wildfire risk across Oregon through increased partnership with federal 10 agencies to expand activities under the Good Neighbor Authority 11 12 Agreement described 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.

"(b) Request that the federal agencies fund portions of the activities
described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(2) Activities undertaken pursuant to subsection (1) of this section
must be executed in a manner that protects and enhances the long-

- 1 term ecological health of a landscape, in conformance with the most
- 2 broadly accepted scientific principles of forestry.".
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