

SB 494 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to study classification and compensation of forestry and wildland fire positions, addressing wage and management compression, identifying deficiencies in the Department of State Forestry, and providing recommendations. Directs DAS to submit findings to interim committees related to natural resources and wildfire no later than September 15, 2026.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Forestry's (ODF) mission is to promote stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and sustainability. ODF houses a range of field classifications, including Area and District Forest Managers, Forest Crew Coordinator and Lookouts, Forest Management Technician, two classes of Forest Manager, two classes of Forest Officer, Forest Nursery Worker, Technician, and Supervisors, Wildland Fire Dispatch Entry and Supervisor levels, and Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist Entry and Supervisor.