## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to the Elliott State Forest.

## Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of State Lands, Department of Forestry

## **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure designates the Elliott State Forest as the Elliott State Research Forest and directs the State Land Board to manage it as a world-class research forest. The Department of State Lands is authorized to take necessary actions, including adopting rules, entering agreements, and overseeing procurement outside of the Public Contracting Code. The measure creates the Elliott State Research Forest Account, continuously appropriated to the State Land Board, to receive revenues from forest activities, grants, and donations for forest management and enhancement. The measure also allows the board to expand or exchange lands to consolidate the forest, with restrictions on land sales.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.