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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** April 30, 2025  
**Subject:** SB 147 A – Relating to the Elliott State Forest  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure renames the Elliott State Forest as the Elliott State Research Forest (ESRF) and provides the State Land Board (SLB) authority to manage ESRF. The measure allows for expansion of the forest or land exchanges consistent with maintaining a world-class research forest. In addition to decoupling from the Common School Fund forest lands, the measure transfers management of the ESRF from the Oregon Department of Forestry to SLB. This is necessary due to key provisions in SB 1546 (2022) not being completed, which meant the triggers in the measure to become operative were not met.

Additionally, the measure establishes the Elliott State Research Forest Account with interest earned credited to the account, and continuously appropriates moneys to the Department of State Lands for management and operations of ESRF. Moneys generated from operating the forest shall be deposited to the account. Transfers into the account are not permitted.

The measure also expands eligible financing to include capital projects or other related purchases to operate or administer ESRF.

The -A4 amendment to the measure changes the account from being continuously appropriated to the State Land Board to the Department of State Lands as the administrative agency for the SLB and removes the authority to transfer into the account.

### **Amendment**

LFO recommends adoption of the –A4 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –A4 amendment to SB 147. *(vote)*

## Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 147, as amended by the –A4 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 147, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

## Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

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