SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 147

Relating to the Elliott State Forest

To:Ways and Means Full CommitteeFrom:Natural Resources SubcommitteeCarrier:Senator Anderson

SB 147 renames the Elliott State Forest to the Elliott State Research Forest, transfers management responsibilities from the Oregon Department of Forestry to the State Land Board, clarifies management authorities, decouples the Elliott from the Common School Fund, and establishes the Elliott State Research Forest Account.

The -A4 amendment continuously appropriates the funds to the Department of State Lands as the administrative agency for the State Land Board and removes the ability to transfer monies into the Elliott State Research Forest Account.

Revenue for the Elliott State Research Forest Account is anticipated to include revenue from timber harvest, pending Board approval of the operations plan and federal issuance of an Incidental Take Permit, the sale of carbon credits, and other potential sources.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 147 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.