

# House Bill 3251

Sponsored by Representative JAVADI

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act is about leasing state land for cell phone towers in rural areas. The Act says that the lease rate in Clatsop County and Tillamook County must be \$1,500 per year. The Act says that about 10 years in the future, the rate must be consistent with the rate for leasing federal forest land for the same purpose. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.8).

Directs the State Board of Forestry to allow the lease of land in Clatsop County and Tillamook County that is owned or managed by the board for telecommunications towers at the rate of \$1,500 per year. Provides that on and after January 2, 2036, the rate shall change to a rate consistent with the rate for leasing land in federal forests for the same purpose.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to leasing land for the placement of cell phone towers in rural areas; and prescribing an  
3 effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "telecommunications tower" includes a personal**  
6 **wireless service facility, a broadcast communications facility and other technological com-**  
7 **munications facilities.**

8 **(2) Notwithstanding ORS 526.194, the State Board of Forestry shall lease lands owned or**  
9 **managed by the board or the State Forestry Department in Clatsop County and Tillamook**  
10 **County for the installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications towers at the**  
11 **rate of \$1,500 per lease per year.**

12 **(3) Moneys derived from a lease under this section shall be paid and credited as described**  
13 **in ORS 526.194.**

14 **(4) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules governing the**  
15 **placement of the telecommunications towers.**

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is amended to read:

17 (1) As used in this section, "telecommunications tower" includes a personal wireless service fa-  
18 cility, a broadcast communications facility and other technological communications facilities.

19 (2) Notwithstanding ORS 526.194, the State Board of Forestry shall lease lands owned or man-  
20 aged by the board or the State Forestry Department in Clatsop County and Tillamook County for  
21 the installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications towers at [*the rate of \$1,500 per*  
22 *lease per year*] **rates that are consistent with rates for leasing land in a federal forest for the**  
23 **installation, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications tower.**

24 (3) Moneys derived from a lease under this section shall be paid and credited as described in  
25 ORS 526.194.

26 (4) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section, including rules governing the place-  
27 ment of the telecommunications towers.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        **SECTION 3.** The amendments to section 1 of this 2025 Act by section 2 of this 2025 Act  
2 become operative on January 2, 2036.

3        **SECTION 4.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025  
4 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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