

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1051

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

June 16

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an emergency”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 28 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 526.031 is amended to read:

4 “526.031. *[(1) The State Board of Forestry shall appoint a State Forester, who must be a practical*  
5 *forester familiar with western conditions and experienced in organization for the prevention of forest*  
6 *fires. The forester shall be the chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department. The forester*  
7 *shall hold office at the pleasure of the board, and shall act as its secretary.]*

8 “**(1) The Governor shall appoint a State Forester subject to Senate confirmation under**  
9 **ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The forester shall be the chief executive officer of the State**  
10 **Forestry Department and shall act as the secretary of the State Board of Forestry. The**  
11 **forester shall serve a term of four years at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be eligible**  
12 **for reappointment.**

13 “**(2)(a)** With the approval of the board and subject to applicable provisions of the State Person-  
14 nel Relations Law, the State Forester may appoint a Deputy State Forester, assistant state foresters  
15 and other employees of the department.

16 “**(b) The State Forester must have organizational management experience and either of**  
17 **the following:**

18 “**(A) Executive experience and expertise overseeing forest and wildfire management on**  
19 **western forestlands; or**

20 “**(B) Operational experience and expertise overseeing forest and wildfire management on**  
21 **western forestlands.**

22 “**(c)** During the State Forester’s absence or disability, all authority shall be exercised by the  
23 Deputy State Forester *[or by the assistant whom the State Forester or the board, by written order filed*  
24 *with the Secretary of State, has designated as Acting State Forester]*.

25 “[**(3)** *The board shall fix the compensation of the State Forester. In addition to their salaries, the*  
26 *forester, the deputy and assistants shall be reimbursed, subject to the limitations otherwise provided*  
27 *by law, for their actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their*  
28 *duties.]*

29 “**(3)(a) The State Forester shall receive a salary as provided by law or, if not so provided,**  
30 **as prescribed by the Governor.**

31 “**(b) In addition to salary, but subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other**  
32 **expenses of state officers and employees, the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and**  
33 **assistant state foresters shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-**  
34 **penses incurred by the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assistant state**  
35 **foresters in the performance of official duties.**

1       **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
2       **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
3       **on its passage.”.**  
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