

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 147

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDFIRE

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “Forest” insert “; creating new provisions; amending ORS  
2 30.949, 283.085, 530.480, 530.490, 530.510 and 530.520; and repealing ORS 530.450”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:  
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### “ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

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7 “SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS  
8 chapter 273.

9 “SECTION 2. (1) The state forest formerly known as the Elliott State Forest shall be  
10 known as the Elliott State Research Forest.

11 “(2) The State Land Board shall manage, control and protect the forest for the dedicated  
12 purpose of maintaining a world-class research forest.

13 “(3) The Department of State Lands may take any action necessary for the management  
14 of the forest, including but not limited to:

15 “(a) Adopting rules in compliance with ORS chapter 183;

16 “(b) Adopting policies and plans;

17 “(c) Entering into intergovernmental agreements; and

18 “(d) Convening advisory committees.

19 “(4) The Director of the Department of State Lands has all authority to procure, or su-  
20 pervise the procurement of, goods and services related to the management of the forest, in-  
21 cluding but not limited to personal services and professional services related to facilities used  
22 for management of the forest. Exercise of procurement authority under this subsection is  
23 not subject to the Public Contracting Code.  
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### “EXPANSION OR EXCHANGE OF LANDS

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27 “SECTION 3. (1) The Elliott State Research Forest shall consist of lands determined by  
28 a resolution of the State Land Board, as modified by any subsequent expansion or exchange  
29 of lands authorized by this section.

30 “(2) The board may not sell any lands in the forest, but may approve an expansion of  
31 lands in the forest, or an exchange of lands in the forest or timber on the lands, that fur-  
32 thers the purposes set forth in section 2 of this 2025 Act.

33 “(3) Lands in the forest may be exchanged:

34 “(a) Only if the exchange consolidates the forest.

35 “(b) Only for lands of approximately equal aggregate value or a combination of lands and

monetary consideration of approximately equal aggregate value.

“(4) Lands in the forest that are county-owned lands or lands acquired under ORS 530.010 to 530.040 may be exchanged only if the county court or board of county commissioners of each county in which the land is situated has been provided notice of the proposed exchange and the opportunity to consult, coordinate and comment on the proposed exchange. The board shall provide the county with adequate compensation for the exchange.

“(5) The board shall consummate by legal conveyance an expansion or exchange described in this section.

“(6) After an expansion or exchange of lands under this section:

“(a) The board shall establish by resolution the lands constituting the forest; and

“(b) The lands acquired by expansion or exchange become part of the forest on the date on which the board adopts the resolution described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

#### “ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST ACCOUNT

“SECTION 4. (1) The Elliott State Research Forest Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the account shall be credited to the account.

“(2) The account shall consist of all moneys deposited in the account or otherwise transferred to the account. Moneys in the account may be invested as provided in ORS 293.701 to 293.857. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Land Board for carrying out the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.

“(3) Moneys generated from owning or operating the Elliott State Research Forest, including from any sale of forest products, carbon or ecosystem services or credits or easement, and any other revenues related to the forest, shall be deposited in the account.

“(4) The board may receive gifts, grants, bequests, endowments and donations of moneys from public and private sources for the purpose of contributing to the management and enhancement of the forest, including for activities such as recreation, education, interpretation, research and monitoring, cultural resources management and habitat improvement.

“(5) The board may apply for, accept and utilize grants from any source, including federal, state or local governments or private entities, to further the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.

“(6) The board shall deposit moneys received under subsection (4) or (5) of this section in the account. The board may expend moneys received under subsection (4) or (5) of this section only for purposes specified in the gift, grant, bequest, endowment or donation. If no purpose is specified, the board may use the moneys for the management and enhancement of the forest in a manner consistent with the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.

“(7) The board shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the account or otherwise transferred to the account. The record shall indicate the sources of moneys and the individual activity or program against which each withdrawal from the account is charged.

#### “CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FINANCING

“SECTION 5. ORS 283.085 is amended to read:

1 “283.085. As used in ORS 283.085 to 283.092:

2 “(1) ‘Available funds’ means funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislative  
3 Assembly to pay amounts due under a financing agreement for the fiscal period in which the pay-  
4 ments are due, unexpended proceeds of the financing agreement and reserves or other amounts that  
5 have been deposited in trust to pay amounts due under the financing agreement.

6 “(2) ‘Credit enhancement agreement’ means any agreement or contractual relationship between  
7 the state and any bank, trust company, insurance company, surety bonding company, pension fund  
8 or other financial institution providing additional credit on or security for a financing agreement  
9 or certificates of participation authorized by ORS 283.085 to 283.092.

10 “(3) ‘Financing agreement’ means a lease purchase agreement, an installment sale agreement, a  
11 loan agreement or any other agreement:

12 “(a) To finance real or personal property that is or will be owned and operated by the state or  
13 any of its agencies;

14 “(b) To finance infrastructure, including but not limited to telecommunications systems, systems  
15 for water, sewage, electricity, steam or natural gas and other equipment or improvements that are  
16 necessary or appropriate to support a facility that is, or will be, owned or operated by the state;

17 “(c) To finance infrastructure components that are, or will be, owned or operated by a local  
18 government agency of this state if the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services  
19 determines that financing the infrastructure facilitates the construction or operation of an adult or  
20 juvenile corrections facility or a public safety training facility owned or operated by the state or  
21 any of its agencies;

22 “(d) To finance all or a portion of the state’s pension liabilities for retirement, health care or  
23 disability benefits, in an amount that produces net proceeds that do not exceed the State Treasurer’s  
24 estimate of those liabilities based on information provided to the State Treasurer by the Public  
25 Employees Retirement System;

26 “(e) To finance:

27 “(A) The release of all or a portion of the **former** Elliott State Forest from restrictions resulting  
28 from ownership of that forest by the Common School Fund; or

29 “(B) Compensation paid to the Common School Fund for the preservation of noneconomic bene-  
30 fits of the forest through the imposition, transfer or sale of restrictions such as easements, use re-  
31 quirements or other methods that preserve noneconomic benefits of the forest for the public,  
32 including recreation, aesthetics, wildlife or habitat preservation or other environmental and quality  
33 of life considerations; [or]

34 “**(f) To finance capital projects or purchases related to owning, operating or administer-**  
35 **ing the Elliott State Research Forest; or**

36 “[f)] **(g)** To refinance previously executed financing agreements.

37 “(4) ‘Financing costs’ means costs or expenses that the director determines are necessary or  
38 desirable in connection with entering into financing agreements and maintaining the certificate of  
39 participation program, including but not limited to payment of:

40 “(a) Amounts due under financing agreements;

41 “(b) Costs and obligations the director or any other agency of the state incurs in connection  
42 with the exercise of a power granted by ORS 283.085 to 283.092; and

43 “(c) Amounts due in connection with the investment of proceeds of financing agreements.

44 “(5) ‘Personal property’ means tangible personal property, software and fixtures.

45 “(6) ‘Property rights’ means, with respect to personal property, the rights of a secured party

1 under ORS chapter 79, and, with respect to real property, the rights of a trustee or lender under a  
2 lease authorized by ORS 283.089 (1)(e).

3 “(7) ‘Software’ means software and training and maintenance contracts related to the operation  
4 of computing equipment.

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6 **“DECOUPLING ELLIOTT STATE FOREST**

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8 **“SECTION 6. ORS 530.450 is repealed.**

9 **“SECTION 7. ORS 530.480 is amended to read:**

10 “530.480. As the Common School Forest Lands are determined as required by ORS 530.450 to  
11 530.520, such lands shall be described by legal subdivision. The State Land Board and the State  
12 Board of Forestry, respectively in their regular meetings, shall by separate board resolutions desig-  
13 nate and set aside such lands as a part of the Common School Forest Lands[; *lands in the Elliott*  
14 *State Forest, as determined by ORS 530.450, shall be similarly described and reserved*]. A copy of each  
15 board resolution certified by the Director of the Department of State Lands or the State Forester,  
16 respectively, together with the description of the lands involved, shall be filed with the Secretary  
17 of State, who shall keep such copies and descriptions in conjunction with the auditing records of the  
18 State Forestry Department Account.

19 **“SECTION 8. ORS 530.490 is amended to read:**

20 “530.490. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, or authority granted thereunder,  
21 after the State Board of Forestry and State Land Board resolutions and legal descriptions are filed  
22 with the Secretary of State as required by ORS 530.480, the State Forester hereby shall be author-  
23 ized, under the supervision of the State Board of Forestry and the regulations of that board, to  
24 manage, control and protect the Common School Forest Lands. [*Also, notwithstanding the provisions*  
25 *of any other law, or authority granted thereunder, the State Forester hereby is authorized, under the*  
26 *supervision of the State Board of Forestry and the regulations of that board, to manage, control and*  
27 *protect the Elliott State Forest Lands. In each instance*] The State Forester shall manage, control and  
28 protect such forests and forestlands so as to secure the greatest permanent value of the lands to the  
29 whole people of the State of Oregon, particularly for the dedicated purposes of the lands and the  
30 common schools to which the resources of the lands are devoted.

31 “(2) Easements on, over and across the Common School Forest Lands [*and the Elliott State*  
32 *Forest Lands*] may be granted as follows:

33 “(a) Permanent easements determined by the State Forester and State Board of Forestry as  
34 necessary to accomplish the dedicated purposes of such lands may be granted by the Department  
35 of State Lands.

36 “(b) Easements other than permanent may be granted by the State Forester under joint rules  
37 of the State Board of Forestry and Department of State Lands.

38 “(3) The authority granted the State Forester in this section shall not supersede the authority  
39 of the Department of State Lands to grant easements on or leases for the Common School Forest  
40 Lands [*and Elliott State Forest Lands*] for grazing purposes or for the exploration and development  
41 of minerals, oil or gas, and any consideration received by the Department of State Lands therefor  
42 shall be excepted from the provisions of ORS 530.520. However, the Department of State Lands shall  
43 cooperate with the forestry program of the State Forester in granting such easements and leases  
44 and make provisions therein for continuing the primary purposes for which such land has been  
45 dedicated.

1       “**SECTION 9.** ORS 530.510 is amended to read:

2       “530.510. (1) The State Forester may propose and initiate any exchange of [*land of the Elliott*  
3       *State Forest or*] Common School Forest Lands, or propose and initiate any exchange of timber on  
4       such lands, for land of approximately equal aggregate value, when any such exchange is in the  
5       furtherance of the purposes of ORS 530.450 to 530.520. However:

6       “[(1) *Any exchange of land of the Elliott State Forest must be for the consolidation of the forest;*]

7       “[(2)] (a) The State Land Board and the State Board of Forestry shall, each separately, approve  
8       such exchanges by resolutions of the respective boards; and

9       “[(3)] (b) The county court or board of county commissioners of the county, or counties, in  
10       which such land is situated, shall approve such exchange, and after such approval the exchanges  
11       shall be consummated by legal conveyance from the Department of State Lands.

12       “[(4)] (2) Under the authority granted in this section, in addition to land to be exchanged, a  
13       monetary consideration may be provided or received where necessary to make the values comply  
14       with this section. No exchange shall be made until title to the lands to be received has been ap-  
15       proved by the Attorney General. All lands received in exchange shall have the same status and be  
16       subject to the same provisions of law as the lands given in exchange therefor.

17       “**SECTION 10.** ORS 530.520 is amended to read:

18       “530.520. (1) Excepting receipts from the easements and leases designated in ORS 530.490 (3),  
19       all receipts from [*the Elliott State Forest and*] the Common School Forest Lands shall be paid into  
20       the Common School Fund and are continuously appropriated to the Department of State Lands for  
21       the purposes for which other moneys in the Common School Fund may be used and to reimburse the  
22       Common School Forest Revolving Fund as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

23       “(2)(a) The Common School Forest Revolving Fund, in an amount not exceeding \$300,000, is es-  
24       tablished as a fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, in the State Treasury. Interest  
25       earned by the fund shall be credited to the fund. The revolving fund is continuously appropriated  
26       to the State Forester for the payment of administrative expenses incurred by the State Forester in  
27       the management, control and protection of [*the Elliott State Forest and*] the Common School Forest  
28       Lands and in processing the sale of forest products and the disposal of privileges under ORS 530.500.  
29       The revolving fund shall be reimbursed at least once each month by submission to the Department  
30       of State Lands of a claim for payment approved by the State Forester and payment of the claim to  
31       the revolving fund out of the Common School Fund, that payment representing a portion of receipts  
32       paid into the Common School Fund under subsection (1) of this section.

33       “(b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection, ‘administrative expenses’ means a classification  
34       of expenses incurred by the State Forester in performing functions referred to in paragraph (a) of  
35       this subsection as a whole, rather than expenses incurred in performing any specific function that  
36       is a part of the whole; and it means expenditures recognized as operating costs of a current or past  
37       period, including refund of overpayments in the sale of forest products, and capital expenditures for  
38       buildings, furniture, fixtures or equipment.

39       “(3) After the end of each six-month period the State Forester shall submit to the Department  
40       of State Lands a statement of capital asset account balances as of the end of that period for  
41       buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment held by the State Forester in performing functions re-  
42       ferred to in subsection (2)(a) of this section and in which the Common School Fund has a vested  
43       interest, showing the amount of that interest.

44       “**SECTION 11.** ORS 30.949 is amended to read:

45       “30.949. (1) As used in this section:

1 “(a) ‘Access road’ means a road owned or maintained by the State Forestry Department.

2 “(b) ‘Forest practice’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 527.620.

3 “(c) ‘State forestland’ means:

4 “(A) Forestland acquired under ORS 530.010 to 530.040; and

5 “(B) Common School Forest Lands [*and Elliott State Forest Lands*] managed under ORS 530.490.

6 “(2) A private entity that contracts with the State Forestry Department to perform a forest  
7 practice has a right of action for the amount of actual damages against any person that, while on  
8 state forestland or an access road on state forestland, intentionally commits an act that hinders,  
9 impairs or obstructs or is an attempt to hinder, impair or obstruct, the performance of the forest  
10 practice by the private entity. A court shall award a plaintiff prevailing under this section reason-  
11 able attorney fees and costs.

12 “(3) If the contract between the private entity and the department provides for the private entity  
13 to perform forest practices in a defined area of state forestland that lies in more than one county,  
14 venue for a cause of action under this section is proper in any county containing part of the area  
15 of state forestland defined by the contract terms in effect on the date the cause of action arose.

16 “(4) An action under this section must be commenced within two years after the date of the act  
17 giving rise to the cause of action.

## 18 “TRANSFER OF DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

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21 “**SECTION 12.** All of the duties, functions, powers and lawfully incurred rights and obli-  
22 gations of the State Board of Forestry that are based on the authority in ORS chapter 530  
23 and that pertain to the former Elliott State Forest are transferred to and vested in the State  
24 Land Board for the purposes set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act related to the  
25 Elliott State Research Forest. The transfer shall include all applicable contractual rights and  
26 obligations and title to all applicable records, property, supplies and materials, including  
27 equipment, books and papers. For the purpose of succession to these rights and obligations,  
28 the State Land Board is considered to be a continuation of the State Board of Forestry and  
29 not a new authority, and the State Land Board must exercise such rights and fulfill such  
30 obligations as if they had not been assigned or transferred, except as otherwise provided by  
31 law.

## 32 “CAPTIONS

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35 “**SECTION 13.** The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for the conven-  
36 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any  
37 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.”.