

Senate Bill 346

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

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 tells an agency to create a pilot grant program for managing wildfire risk. The Act gives money for the program. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.4).

Directs the State Forestry Department to establish by rule a pilot grant program for the purpose of managing wildfire risk by certain methods.

Sunsets the grant program on June 30, 2027.

Appropriates moneys to the department out of the General Fund for the purpose of funding the grant program.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildfire; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall establish by rule a pilot grant pro-**
5 **gram for the purpose of managing wildfire risk by:**

6 (a) **Encouraging methods that include, but are not limited to, clearing ladder fuels, cre-**
7 **ating slash piles, removing underbrush and using other forest management practices.**

8 (b) **Promoting the use of air curtains by persons that make biochar.**

9 (2) **In administering the program, the department:**

10 (a) **Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and**

11 (b) **May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant**
12 **funds.**

13 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium**
14 **beginning on July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose**
15 **of funding the grant program described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

16 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on June 30, 2027.**

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

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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.