

Senate Bill 371

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: This Act tells the Department of State Lands to ask the U.S. government to transfer some U.S. public lands to the state. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.8).

Requires the Department of State Lands to petition the United States Congress for the transfer of certain public lands. Requires the department to manage the transferred lands as trustee for the benefit of counties where the lands are sited.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to transfer of federal public lands.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) On or before January 1, 2027, the Department of State Lands shall deliver**
5 **a petition to the United States Congress requesting the transfer of federal public lands under**
6 **the management of the Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service to this**
7 **state for land that is within any county that:**

8 (a) **Has more than 50 percent of its land area owned or managed by the federal govern-**
9 **ment; and**

10 (b) **By ordinance, has requested that the department include the county within the plan**
11 **for the lands under subsection (2) of this section.**

12 (2) **For any lands described under subsection (1) of this section that are transferred to**
13 **this state in response to the petition under this section, the department shall establish a**
14 **program by which the department:**

15 (a) **Holds the lands in perpetual trust that is managed by the department.**

16 (b) **Annually distributes the profits and interests from the lands to the counties in which**
17 **the lands are sited to be used only for education, health or economic development of the**
18 **residents of the county.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

20 **SECTION 3. The repeal of section 1 of this 2025 Act by section 2 of this 2025 Act does**
21 **not repeal any program or trust established by the Department of State Lands under section**
22 **1 (2) of this 2025 Act.**

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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.