

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 494

Ordered by the Senate June 20
Including Senate Amendments dated June 20

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells DAS to look at forestry and fire jobs and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 90.0).

Requires the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to study classification and compensation for forestry and wildland fire positions in state government. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources and wildfire not later than September 15, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to employment of forestry workers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall study classification and compensation for forestry and wildland fire positions in state government. The study must:

(a) Address any wage and management compression that would result from changes in classification and compensation.

(b) Identify the deficiencies in the span of control of the structure of the State Forestry Department and evaluate recommendations for addressing these deficiencies, including the classifications and number and type of employees needed to right size the organizational structure.

(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources and wildfire no later than September 15, 2026.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$229,154, to expend for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.