

Senate Bill 494

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 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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to employment of forestry workers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall study classi-**
5 **fication and compensation for forestry and wildland fire positions in state government. The**
6 **study must:**

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

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

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

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 Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**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