Senate Bill 5521

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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 creates an agency budget. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the State Forestry Department for certain biennial expenses.

Limits biennial expenditures from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and certain federal funds, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by the department.

Limits biennial expenditures by the department from certain lottery moneys.

Limits biennial expenditures by the department from certain federal funds.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Emergency Board for allocation to the department.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the State Forestry Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> There are appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

8	(1)	Agency administration	\$	871,441
9	(2)	Fire protection	\$2	217,486,195
10	(3)	Forest resources	\$	51,873,354
11	(4)	Debt service	\$	20,345,346
12	(5)	Equipment pool	\$	738,397

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and including federal funds from the United States Forest Service for fire protection and for research projects, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds not described in this section, collected or received by the State Forestry Department, for the following purposes:

19	(1)	Agency administration	\$ 69,593,446
20	(2)	Fire protection	\$ 120,452,128
21	(3)	State forests	\$ 131,278,678
22	(4)	Forest resources	\$ 28,749,255
23	(5)	Capital improvement	\$ 16,651,626
24	(6)	Debt service	\$ 6,969,599

Note: For budget, see 2025-2027 Biennial Budget

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.

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- (7) Equipment pool...... \$ 22,668,695
- (8) Facilities maintenance

3 and management...... \$ 6,411,831

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$2,558,120 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the State Forestry Department for debt service relating to the purchase of land in the Gilchrist State Forest.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from federal funds other than those described in section 2 of this 2025 Act, collected or received by the State Forestry Department, for the following purposes:

- 13 (1) Agency administration...... \$ 2,436,274
 - (2) Fire protection...... \$ 21,219,154
- 15 (3) State forests \$ 1,028,879
 - (4) Forest resources...... \$ 60,016,912

SECTION 5. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Emergency Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$16,000,000, to be allocated to the State Forestry Department for fire protection expenses.

(2) If any of the moneys appropriated by subsection (1) of this section are not allocated by the Emergency Board prior to December 1, 2026, the moneys remaining on that date become available for any purpose for which the Emergency Board lawfully may allocate funds.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Emergency Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, to be allocated to the State Forestry Department for Private Forest Accord grants.

(2) If any of the moneys appropriated by subsection (1) of this section are not allocated by the Emergency Board prior to December 1, 2026, the moneys remaining on that date become available for any purpose for which the Emergency Board lawfully may allocate funds.

<u>SECTION 7.</u> 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 July 1, 2025.