

Senate Bill 876

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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 requires the state to offer certain lands for sale to Coos County. (Flesch Readability Score: 83.8).

Directs the State Board of Forestry, on behalf of the State of Oregon, to offer to convey certain real property to Coos County under specific terms and conditions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the conveyance of real property to Coos County.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 270.100 to 270.190, the State Board of Forestry, on**
5 **behalf of the State of Oregon, shall offer to convey, to Coos County, fee simple title to the**
6 **real property described in the sale deed recorded on July 31, 1940, in the deed records of Coos**
7 **County under recorder number 62827, consisting of approximately 7,000 acres, which the**
8 **state previously acquired from Coos County pursuant to sections 2 to 6, chapter 478, Oregon**
9 **Laws 1939.**

10 **(2) The state shall offer to convey the state's interest "AS IS, WHERE IS" and without**
11 **any representation or warranty of any kind or nature by the state and without cost to the**
12 **county except as provided in subsection (7) of this section.**

13 **(3) The state shall extend the offer in writing no later than 180 days after the effective**
14 **date of this 2025 Act.**

15 **(4) If the county does not accept the offer within 30 days of the state extending the offer,**
16 **the state may withdraw the offer.**

17 **(5) If the county accepts the offer, the state shall convey the interest pursuant to a**
18 **statutory bargain and sale deed under ORS 93.860 and the Department of State Lands shall**
19 **release and transfer to the county all of the state's interest in the mineral or geothermal**
20 **resources notwithstanding ORS 273.775 to 273.790.**

21 **(6) The conveyance must include all fixtures located on the real property, except for fix-**
22 **tures that the state determines are appropriate for transfer to another state property or**
23 **facility.**

24 **(7) The county shall bear its transaction and closing costs related to the conveyance,**
25 **including any applicable recording fees, escrow fees and title insurance.**

26 **(8) As a condition of the conveyance described in this section, the county must agree in**
27 **writing:**

28 **(a) To preserve the real property as forest lands.**

29 **(b) To sustainably manage the real property for the long-term benefit of county resi-**
30 **dents.**

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.

1 **(c) To deposit any revenue generated by harvesting timber on the real property in the**
2 **county general fund.**

3 **(d) To use any revenue generated under paragraph (c) of this subsection for essential**
4 **county government services.**

5 **(e) To waive any claims that the county may have against the state based on any re-**
6 **venues derived from the real property, including under section 6, chapter 478, Oregon Laws**
7 **1939.**

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