

Requested by Senator JAMA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1051**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 526.031 is amended to read:

5 *“526.031. [(1) The State Board of Forestry shall appoint a State Forester,*
6 *who must be a practical forester familiar with western conditions and experi-*
7 *enced in organization for the prevention of forest fires. The forester shall be*
8 *the chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department. The forester shall*
9 *hold office at the pleasure of the board, and shall act as its secretary.]*

10 **“(1) The Governor shall appoint a State Forester subject to Senate**
11 **confirmation under ORS 171.562 and 171.565. The forester shall be the**
12 **chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department and shall act**
13 **as the secretary of the State Board of Forestry. The forester shall**
14 **serve a term of four years at the pleasure of the Governor and shall**
15 **be eligible for reappointment.**

16 **“(2)(a)** With the approval of the board and subject to applicable pro-
17 visions of the State Personnel Relations Law, the State Forester may appoint
18 a Deputy State Forester, assistant state foresters and other employees of the
19 department.

20 **“(b) The State Forester must have organizational management ex-**
21 **perience and either of the following:**

1 “(A) Executive experience and expertise overseeing forest and
2 wildfire management on western forestlands; or

3 “(B) Operational experience and expertise overseeing forest and
4 wildfire management on western forestlands.

5 “(c) During the State Forester’s absence or disability, all authority shall
6 be exercised by the Deputy State Forester [*or by the assistant whom the State*
7 *Forester or the board, by written order filed with the Secretary of State, has*
8 *designated as Acting State Forester*].

9 “[(3) The board shall fix the compensation of the State Forester. In addition
10 to their salaries, the forester, the deputy and assistants shall be reimbursed,
11 subject to the limitations otherwise provided by law, for their actual and nec-
12 essary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.]

13 “(3)(a) The State Forester shall receive a salary as provided by law
14 or, if not so provided, as prescribed by the Governor.

15 “(b) In addition to salary, but subject to any applicable law regu-
16 lating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees, the
17 State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assistant state foresters
18 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses
19 incurred by the State Forester, the Deputy State Forester and assist-
20 ant state foresters in the performance of official duties.

21 “SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
23 declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.