

CHAPTER 447

AN ACT

SB 248

Relating to sales of timber from state lands; amending ORS 279A.025, 279A.050, 530.050 and 530.500; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 530.050 is amended to read:

530.050. Under the authority and direction of the State Board of Forestry except as otherwise provided for the sale of forest products, the State Forester shall manage the lands acquired pursuant to ORS 530.010 to 530.040 so as to secure the greatest permanent value of those lands to the state, and to that end may:

(1) Protect the lands from fire, disease and insect pests, cooperate with the counties and with persons owning lands within the state in the protection of the lands and enter into all agreements necessary or convenient for the protection of the lands.

(2) Sell forest products from the lands, and execute mining leases and contracts as provided for in ORS 273.551.

(3) Enter into and administer contracts for the sale of timber from lands owned or managed by the State Board of Forestry and the State Forestry Department.

(4) Enter into and administer contracts for activities necessary or convenient for the sale of timber under subsection (3) of this section, either separately from or in conjunction with contracts for the sale of timber, including but not limited to activities such as timber harvesting and sorting, transporting, gravel pit development or operation, and road construction, maintenance or improvement.

[(4)] (5) Permit the use of the lands for other purposes, including but not limited to forage and browse for domestic livestock, fish and wildlife environment, landscape effect, protection against floods and erosion, recreation, and protection of water supplies when, in the opinion of the board, the use is not detrimental to the best interest of the state.

[(5)] (6) Grant easements, permits and licenses over, through and across the lands. The State Forester may require and collect reasonable fees or charges relating to the location and establishment of easements, permits and licenses granted by the state over the lands. The fees and charges collected shall be used exclusively for the expenses of locating and establishing the easements, permits and licenses under this subsection and shall be placed in the State Forestry Department Account.

[(6)] (7) Require and collect fees or charges for the use of state forest roads. The fees or charges collected shall be used exclusively for purposes of maintenance and improvements of the roads and shall be placed in the State Forestry Department Account.

[(7)] (8) Reforest the lands and cooperate with the counties, and with persons owning timberlands within the state, in the reforestation, and make all agreements necessary or convenient for the reforestation.

[(8)] (9) Require such undertakings as in the opinion of the board are necessary or convenient to secure performance of any contract entered into under the terms of this section or ORS 273.551.

[(9)] (10) Sell rock, sand, gravel, pumice and other such materials from the lands. The sale may be negotiated without bidding, provided the appraised value of the materials does not exceed \$2,500.

[(10)] (11) Enter into agreements, each for not more than 10 years duration, for the production of minor forest products.

[(11)] (12) Establish a forestry carbon offset program to market, register, transfer or sell forestry carbon offsets. In establishing the program, the forester may:

(a) Execute any contracts or agreements necessary to create opportunities for the creation of forestry carbon offsets; and

(b) Negotiate prices that are at, or greater than, fair market value for the transfer or sale of forestry carbon offsets.

[(12)] (13) Do all things and make all rules, not inconsistent with law, necessary or convenient for the management, protection, utilization and conservation of the lands.

SECTION 2. ORS 530.500 is amended to read:

530.500. In order to accomplish the purposes of ORS 530.490, the State Forester may:

(1) Protect the lands from fire, disease and insect pests, cooperate with the counties and with persons owning lands within the state in the protection of the lands and enter into all agreements necessary or convenient for the protection of the lands.

(2) Enter into and administer contracts for the sale of timber from lands owned or managed by the State Board of Forestry and the State Forestry Department.

(3) Enter into and administer contracts for activities necessary or convenient for the sale of timber under subsection (2) of this section, either separately from or in conjunction with contracts for the sale of timber, including but not limited to activities such as timber harvesting and sorting, transporting, gravel pit development or operation, and road construction, maintenance or improvement.

[(3)] (4) Permit the use of the lands for other purposes, including but not limited to fish and wildlife environment, landscape effect, protection against flood and erosion, recreation and production and protection of water supplies when the use is not detrimental to the purpose for which the lands are dedicated.

[(4)] (5) Contract with other governmental bodies for the protection of water supplies to facilitate the multiple use of publicly owned water supplies for

recreational purposes as well as a source of water for domestic and industrial use.

[(5)] (6) Grant permits and licenses on, over and across the lands.

[(6)] (7) Reforest the lands and cooperate with persons owning timberlands within the state in the reforestation, and make all agreements necessary or convenient for the reforestation.

[(7)] (8) Establish a forestry carbon offset program to market, register, transfer or sell forestry carbon offsets. In establishing the program, the forester may:

(a) Execute any contracts or agreements necessary to create opportunities for the creation of forestry carbon offsets; and

(b) Negotiate prices that are at, or greater than, fair market value for the transfer or sale of forestry carbon offsets.

[(8)] (9) Do all things and make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, necessary or convenient for the management, protection, utilization and conservation of the lands.

[(9)] (10) Require such undertakings as in the opinion of the State Forester are necessary or convenient to secure performance of any agreement authorized in ORS 530.450 to 530.520.

SECTION 3. ORS 279A.025 is amended to read:

279A.025. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Public Contracting Code applies to all public contracting.

(2) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to:

- (A) Contracts between a contracting agency and:
- (B) Another contracting agency;
- (C) The Oregon Health and Science University;
- (D) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;
- (E) The Oregon State Bar;
- (F) A governmental body of another state;
- (G) The federal government;
- (H) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

(I) A nation, or a governmental body in a nation, other than the United States; or

(J) An intergovernmental entity formed between or among:

- (i) Governmental bodies of this or another state;
- (ii) The federal government;
- (iii) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;
- (iv) A nation other than the United States; or
- (v) A governmental body in a nation other than the United States;

(b) Agreements authorized by ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or agencies;

(c) Insurance and service contracts as provided for under ORS 414.115, 414.125, 414.135 and 414.145 for purposes of source selection;

(d) Grants;

(e) Contracts for professional or expert witnesses or consultants to provide services or testimony relating to existing or potential litigation or legal matters in which a public body is or may become interested;

(f) Acquisitions or disposals of real property or interest in real property;

(g) Sole-source expenditures when rates are set by law or ordinance for purposes of source selection;

(h) Contracts for the procurement or distribution of textbooks;

(i) Procurements by a contracting agency from an Oregon Corrections Enterprises program;

(j) The procurement, transportation or distribution of distilled liquor, as defined in ORS 471.001, or the appointment of agents under ORS 471.750 by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission;

(k) Contracts entered into under ORS chapter 180 between the Attorney General and private counsel or special legal assistants;

(L) Contracts for the sale of timber from lands owned or managed by the State Board of Forestry and the State Forestry Department;

(m) Contracts for activities necessary or convenient for the sale of timber under paragraph (L) of this subsection, either separately from or in conjunction with contracts for the sale of timber, including but not limited to activities such as timber harvesting and sorting, transporting, gravel pit development or operation, and road construction, maintenance or improvement;

[(m)] (n) Contracts for forest protection or forest related activities, as described in ORS 477.406, by the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry;

[(n)] (o) Contracts entered into by the Housing and Community Services Department in exercising the department's duties prescribed in ORS chapters 456 and 458, except that the department's public contracting for goods and services is subject to ORS chapter 279B;

[(o)] (p) Contracts entered into by the State Treasurer in exercising the powers of that office prescribed in ORS chapters 178, 286A, 287A, 289, 293, 294 and 295, including but not limited to investment contracts and agreements, banking services, clearing house services and collateralization agreements, bond documents, certificates of participation and other debt repayment agreements, and any associated contracts, agreements and documents, regardless of whether the obligations that the contracts, agreements or documents establish are general, special or limited, except that the State Treasurer's public contracting for goods and services is subject to ORS chapter 279B;

[(p)] (q) Contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or established in connection with:

(A) The issuance of obligations, as defined in ORS 286A.100 and 287A.310, of a public body;

(B) The making of program loans and similar extensions or advances of funds, aid or assistance by a public body to a public or private body for the

purpose of carrying out, promoting or sustaining activities or programs authorized by law; or

(C) The investment of funds by a public body as authorized by law, and other financial transactions of a public body that by their character cannot practically be established under the competitive contractor selection procedures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085;

[(q)] (r) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.105 (1), 243.125 (4), 243.221, 243.275, 243.291, 243.303 and 243.565;

[(r)] (s) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.860 to 243.886; or

[(s)] (t) Any other public contracting of a public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(3) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the contracting activities of:

(a) The Oregon State Lottery Commission;

(b) The legislative department;

(c) The judicial department;

(d) Semi-independent state agencies listed in ORS 182.454, except as provided in ORS 279.835 to 279.855 and 279A.250 to 279A.290;

(e) Oregon Corrections Enterprises;

(f) The Oregon Film and Video Office, except as provided in ORS 279A.100 and 279A.250 to 279A.290;

(g) The Travel Information Council, except as provided in ORS 279A.250 to 279A.290;

(h) The Oregon 529 College Savings Network and the Oregon 529 College Savings Board;

(i) The Oregon Innovation Council;

(j) The Oregon Utility Notification Center; or

(k) Any other public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(4) ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225 and 279B.050 to 279B.085 do not apply to contracts made with qualified nonprofit agencies providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855.

SECTION 4. ORS 279A.050 is amended to read:

279A.050. (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, a contracting agency shall exercise all procurement authority in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

(b) When a contracting agency has authority under this section to carry out functions described in this section, or has authority to make procurements under a provision of law other than the Public Contracting Code, the contracting agency is not required to exercise that authority in accordance with the provisions of the code if, under ORS 279A.025, the code does not apply to the contract or contracting authority.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, for state agencies the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services has all the authority to carry out the provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the Director of Transportation has all the authority to:

(a) Procure or supervise the procurement of all services and personal services to construct, acquire, plan, design, maintain and operate passenger terminal facilities and motor vehicle parking facilities in connection with any public transportation system in accordance with ORS 184.689 (5);

(b) Procure or supervise the procurement of all goods, services, public improvements and personal services relating to the operation, maintenance or construction of highways, bridges and other transportation facilities that are subject to the authority of the Department of Transportation; and

(c) Establish standards for, prescribe forms for and conduct the prequalification of prospective bidders on public improvement contracts related to the operation, maintenance or construction of highways, bridges and other transportation facilities that are subject to the authority of the Department of Transportation.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the Secretary of State has all the authority to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services related to programs under the authority of the Secretary of State.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, the State Treasurer has all the authority to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services related to programs under the authority of the State Treasurer.

(6) The state agencies listed in this subsection have all the authority to do the following in accordance with the Public Contracting Code:

(a) The Department of Human Services to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services under ORS 179.040 for the department's institutions and the procurement of goods, services and personal services for the construction, demolition, exchange, maintenance, operation and equipping of housing for the purpose of providing care to individuals with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities, subject to applicable provisions of ORS 427.335;

(b) The Oregon Health Authority to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services under ORS 179.040 and construction materials, equipment and supplies for the authority's institutions and the procurement of goods, services, personal services, construction materials, equipment and supplies for the construction, demolition, exchange, maintenance, operation and equipping of housing for persons with chronic mental illness, subject to applicable provisions of ORS 426.504;

(c) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife to procure or supervise the procurement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and personal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary construction described in ORS

279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife;

(d) The State Parks and Recreation Department to procure or supervise the procurement of all goods, services, public improvements and personal services relating to state parks;

(e) The Oregon Department of Aviation to procure or supervise the procurement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and personal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary construction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the Oregon Department of Aviation;

(f) The Oregon Business Development Department to procure or supervise the procurement of all goods, services, personal services and public improvements related to its foreign trade offices operating outside the state;

(g) The Housing and Community Services Department to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services as provided in ORS 279A.025 [(2)(n)] (2)(o);

(h) The Department of Corrections to procure or supervise the procurement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and personal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary construction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the Department of Corrections;

(i) The Department of Corrections, subject to any applicable provisions of ORS 279A.120, 279A.125, 279A.145 and 283.110 to 283.395, to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services and personal services under ORS 179.040 for its institutions;

(j) The Department of Veterans' Affairs to procure or supervise the procurement of real estate broker and principal real estate broker services related to programs under the department's authority;

(k) The Oregon Military Department to procure or supervise the procurement of construction materials, equipment, supplies, services and personal services for public improvements, public works or ordinary construction described in ORS 279C.320 that is subject to the authority of the Oregon Military Department;

(L) The Department of Education, subject to any applicable provisions of ORS 329.075, 329.085 and 329.485 and the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425), to procure or supervise the procurement of goods, services, personal services and information technology relating to student assessment; and

(m) Any state agency to conduct a procurement when the agency is specifically authorized by any provision of law other than the Public Contracting Code to enter into a contract.

(7) Notwithstanding this section and ORS 279A.140 (1), the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services has exclusive authority, unless the director delegates this authority, to procure or supervise the procurement of all price agreements on behalf of the state agencies identified in subsection (6)(a) to (k) of this section under which more than one state agency may order goods, services or personal services and, except for contracts procured by the Oregon Health Authority, all state agency information technology contracts. This subsection does not apply to contracts under which the contractor delivers to the state agency information technology products or services incidental to the performance of personal services contracts described in ORS chapter 279C or construction contracts described in ORS chapter 279C. A state agency identified in subsection (3) or (6)(a) to (k) of this section may not establish a price agreement or enter into a contract for goods, services, personal services, construction materials, equipment or supplies without the approval of the director if the director has established a price agreement for the goods, services or personal services.

SECTION 5. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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