

CHAPTER 96

AN ACT

HB 4118

Relating to projects on federal lands; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Additive” means an increase in the pace, scale and quality of forest, rangeland and water restoration services on federal lands within Oregon, including but not limited to services to produce timber harvest volumes that exceed outputs that would be produced by federal land management agencies alone.

(b) “Federal land management agencies” means the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) “Forest, rangeland and water restoration services” means activities that:

(A) Treat insect-infested or disease-infested trees;

(B) Reduce hazardous fuels; or

(C) Restore or improve forest, rangeland or watershed health, including but not limited to fish or wildlife habitat health.

(d) “Good Neighbor Authority Agreement” means the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that the Governor, the State Forester and the State Fish and Wildlife Director entered into with the United States Forest Service on March 29, 2016.

(2) It is the policy of the state to pursue projects under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that increase timber harvest volume, contribute to job creation, reduce wildfire risks to all lands, improve wildlife habitat and watershed health and stimulate local economies. To the extent allowed by the agreement, state

agencies that are signatories to the agreement shall work with federal land management agencies to give priority to projects that:

(a) Consist of additive activities;

(b) Maximize economic benefit to this state; and

(c) Recover the state agency costs of implementing the projects.

SECTION 2. The Governor and the Federal Forest Working Group of Oregon Solutions at Portland State University shall jointly develop specific recommendations regarding goals for the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement as defined in section 1 of this 2018 Act. The Governor, or a state agency described in section 1 (2) of this 2018 Act designated by the Governor, shall report the recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than March 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, which may be expended by the department for the purpose of supporting the development, planning or implementation of projects on federal lands to which the signatory state agencies working with federal land management agencies under section 1 of this 2018 Act give priority under section 1 of this 2018 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect on its passage.

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