

NATURAL RESOURCES



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Natural Resources policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Natural Resources policy sub-topics:

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Agriculture

- [SB 1532 A](#) ✗ Would have instructed the Oregon State University Extension Service to expand the [Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems](#) by hiring five additional agricultural extension positions.
- [SB 1564](#) ✓ Authorizes a county board of commissioners that has enacted a state of emergency related to cannabis to request that the Department of Agriculture deny grower license applications in that county, except for licensees that held a valid grower license or registration during the 2020 or 2021 growing seasons. Changes existing cannabis task force name and expands the membership.
- [HB 4002](#) ✓ Establishes maximum hour and overtime wage requirements for Oregon agricultural workers and uses a refundable tax credit to offset a percentage of the additional cost of overtime pay for agricultural employers.
- [HB 4062](#) ✓ Establishes a new “noncommercial pesticide applicator” license and “noncommercial pesticide trainee” certificate and authorizes the Oregon Department of Agriculture to administer examinations and adopt rules for implementation.

Fish and Wildlife

- HB 4072 ✓ Authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue a Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and Rogue–South Coast wild steelhead harvest card and eliminates the one-day angling license.
- HB 4127 ✗ Would have appropriated \$1 million to the Oregon Department of Agriculture for deposit into the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund.
- HB 4130 A ✗ Would have appropriated \$7 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Transportation for projects that reduce the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for wildlife.
- HB 4148 ✗ Would have directed the Department of State Lands, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, to establish a salmon credit program to encourage voluntary salmonid habitat restoration.

Forests

- SB 1501 ✓ Directs the Board of Forestry to adopt a single rules package on or before November 30, 2022 to implement the Private Forest Accord.
- SB 1502 ✓ Establishes a tax credit available to a small forestland owner who elects to harvest timber in a riparian area and abides by the harvest restrictions applicable to large forestland owners under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.
- SB 1546 ✓ Establishes the Elliott State Research Forest consisting of lands formerly constituting the Elliott State Forest and establishes the mission and management policies for the Elliott State Research Forest.

Outdoor Recreation

- SB 1589 ✓ Establishes the maximum loading weight of a motorboat as less than 5,500 pounds to obtain a towed watersports motorboat certificate. The measure also prohibits a person from using a device or individuals to increase wakes and engage in wake surfing within the Newberg Pool Congested Zone.

Water

- HB 4061 ✓ Prohibits water hauling to unregistered or unlicensed cannabis grow sites in Oregon and prohibits provision of false information to law enforcement or the Oregon Water Resources Department. The measure also requires

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maintenance of records of water sales, extends violator notification timeline, and establishes civil and criminal penalties.

Wildfire

- SB 1533 ✓ Modifies 2021 wildfire policy legislation ([Senate Bill 762 \(2021\)](#)) to allow tribes and schools to apply for cleaner air spaces grants; raise the minimum age of Oregon Conservation Corps participants; and correct a statutory reference authorizing counties to allow accessory dwelling units in rural residential areas.
- SB 1573 ✗ Would have appropriated \$50 million to the Department of Forestry to distribute to wildfire-prone counties and conduct forest thinning operations.
- SB 1582 A ✗ Would have authorized the board of directors of a rural fire protection district to annex lands within seven road miles of a district fire station.

Other Legislation

- SB 1534 A ✗ Would have declared state policy to increase net carbon sequestration and storage in, and resilience of, natural and working lands in Oregon.
- HB 4060 A ✗ Would have authorized assistance to state agencies, local governments, and community organizations to access federal funding opportunities for natural resources priorities, programs, and projects.
- HB 4128 ✓ Requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office to develop a report on the state's framework for response to zoonotic diseases. The measure also requires the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to review and update the prohibited species list and related rules and prohibits individuals from selling live wildlife for human consumption, with certain exceptions.