

# A-Engrossed House Bill 3013

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## 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.

Allows establishment of wildlife food plots on small [*tract*] forestland subject to reforestation requirements [*without affecting small tract forestland assessment*].

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to wildlife food plots.

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

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

5 (a) **"Forest tree species" has the meaning given that term in ORS 527.620.**

6 (b) **"Small forestland" means forestland as defined in ORS 527.620 that:**

7 (A) **Has an owner that owns or holds common ownership interest in at least 10 acres of**  
8 **Oregon forestland but less than 5,000 acres of Oregon forestland; and**

9 (B) **Constitutes all forestland within a single tax lot and all forestland within contiguous**  
10 **parcels owned or held in common ownership by the owner.**

11 (c) **"Wildlife food plot" means a small forestland area that, instead of being used for**  
12 **growing and harvesting a forest tree species, is planted in vegetation capable of substantially**  
13 **contributing to wildlife nutrition.**

14 (2) **The owner of a small forestland that is subject to reforestation requirements under**  
15 **ORS 527.610 to 527.770 may, notwithstanding any contrary provision of the reforestation re-**  
16 **quirements for the forestland, establish wildlife food plots within the boundaries of the small**  
17 **forestland. The combined size of the wildlife food plots described in this subsection may not**  
18 **exceed:**

19 (a) **2.5 percent of the small forestland, if the small forestland is 500 acres or less in size;**

20 (b) **2.0 percent of the small forestland, if the small forestland is more than 500 acres but**  
21 **not more than 1,000 acres in size; or**

22 (c) **1.0 percent of the small forestland, if the small forestland is more than 1,000 acres in**  
23 **size.**

24 (3)(a) **The State Board of Forestry shall adopt rules for carrying out this section. The**  
25 **board shall consult with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify vegetation**  
26 **capable of substantially contributing to wildlife nutrition.**

27 (b) **The establishment of a wildlife food plot as provided by board rules is a forest practice**

**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 **providing for the overall maintenance of forestland resources as described in ORS 527.710 and**  
2 **supersedes any contrary reforestation requirement under ORS 527.610 to 527.770 for the**  
3 **wildlife food plot.**

4 (c) **Notwithstanding ORS 527.670 (1), the establishment or relocation of a wildlife food**  
5 **plot, and the reforestation of a location that ceases to be a wildlife food plot, are forest op-**  
6 **erations requiring notice to the State Forester under ORS 527.670.**

7 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to the establishment of wildlife food plots**  
8 **on small forestland that becomes subject to a reforestation requirement on or after the ef-**  
9 **fective date of this 2015 Act.**

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