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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. Wyden (for himself and Mr. Merkley) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center Land Conveyance Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) RESEARCH CENTER LAND.—The term “research center land” means the approximately 290 acres of land in Hermiston, Oregon, identified as the “Reversionary Interest Area” on the map entitled “Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center” and dated July 23, 2013, including any improvements to, and building on, the land.

(2) PATENT.—The term “patent” means the patent granted by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (acting on behalf of the United States) to the State, numbered 130889, and dated September 17, 1954.

(3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Oregon (acting through the Oregon State Board of Higher Education on behalf of Oregon State University).
SEC. 3. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST AND RESERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS TO BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HERMISTON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER.

(a) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST AND RESERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—Subject to subsection (b), there are released by the United States without consideration—

(1) the reversionary interest retained by the United States to the research center land under the patent; and

(2) the reservation of mineral rights by the United States to the research center land under the patent.

(b) CONDITION.—The release of the reversionary interest under subsection (a)(1) is subject to the condition that the State agrees to use any consideration received by the State from the sale, lease, or other conveyance of the research center land after the date of enactment of this Act for agricultural experimental and research work of Oregon State University.

(e) INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.—The Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management) shall execute and file in the appro-
appropriate office a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument reflecting the release under subsection (a).