

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue, and then to Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Maurer, Smith P.
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates privilege tax of two cents per thousand feet for harvesting merchantable forest products to administer the Oregon Smoke Management Plan. Limits expenditure of such tax revenue to 40 percent or less of the total expenditures approved by the Legislature for smoke management program. Appropriates \$240,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry for smoke management program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Program
- Position increase in Governor's Recommended Budget
- Other bills related to the smoke management
- Impact of smoke management program on air, quality of life and economy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Smoke Management Plan was developed as a voluntary program in 1969 and adopted as a regulatory program by the State Forester and the Environmental Quality Commission in 1972. By law, the plan requires joint approval of the State Forester and the Department of Environmental Quality. The overall purpose of the plan is to keep smoke from forestland prescribed burning from being carried to specific designated areas and other areas sensitive to smoke. The plan applies to state, federal and private forestland in Oregon. The plan currently includes mandatory smoke management constraints for burning in western Oregon, the Deschutes National Forest, Mt. Hood National Forest and the federal forest lands in the Blue Mountains of northeast Oregon. Voluntary programs are in effect in the Klamath Falls and Lakeview areas. Monthly accomplishment reports are required for the remaining forestlands in eastern Oregon.