

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P., Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 through federal fiscal year 2016 and to fund the Act with a mandatory, continuing appropriation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent efforts by the Oregon Congressional delegation to have Act reauthorized
- History of shared revenue from federal land timber harvests
- Consequences of county budget reductions to public safety and other county provided services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: Congress enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to stabilize payments to counties for schools and roads and to improve forest ecosystems.

Historically, Congress has shared revenue generated from federal forest lands with local government in recognition of the fact that federal ownership of forestlands deprives counties of revenue they would have if the land were privately owned and that counties also provide services that benefit this land. As compensation for the land being exempt from taxation and for local services, Congress shares a portion of the revenue from its forestland.

HJM 5 urges Congress to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 through federal fiscal year 2016 and to fund the Act with a mandatory, continuing appropriation.