

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued**

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Beyer
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes State Forestry Department technical assistance to governmental units, organizations and groups interested in planting trees optional. Provides that recipient of department technical assistance and resources must pay cost of designing, developing and implementing local program, plan or activity. Requires State Forester to annually calculate cost of technical assistance and resources provided by department and charge recipient of assistance and resources. Requires department to charge for services provided by department under urban and community forestry program and for program workshops and conferences. Requires department to charge for program publications and materials prepared by department. Creates exceptions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for moving the measure to Joint Ways and Means Committee
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program provides assistance to Oregon communities to help them plant, care, and manage their urban forests. The program is supported through a partnership with the United States Forest Service. The mission of the program is to provide leadership and technical services necessary to support the stewardship of Oregon's urban and community forests, and to foster public awareness of the contributions urban forest ecosystems make to the quality of life and the environmental and economic well-being of Oregon cities.