

**75TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
SENATE FINANCE & REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: SB 78 A
CARRIER: Sen. Morse**

REVENUE: No Revenue Impact

FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments and be printed A-Eng.

Vote: 5-0-0

Yeas: Hass, Morse, Rosenbaum, Telfer, Burdick

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: February 5, April 9, 2009

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Establishes framework for new County Services Planning Council. Directs Council to encourage effective fiscal planning for counties managing phase out of federal forest safety net payments and make recommendations to Governor and Legislature regarding the appropriate level of state fiscal support to counties. Directs Council to make fiscal management recommendations based identification of essential county services and available resources. Specifies that Council recommendations includes strategies for taking advantage of existing revenue sources and developing long-term revenue and income solutions. Sunsets statute creating Council on January 2, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Findings of Governor's interim Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services.
- Magnitude of potential revenue loss for hard hit timber dependent counties.
- Local property tax options under Measure 50 system.
- State responsibilities when counties unable to perform basic fiscal responsibilities.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Fills in blanks for number of representatives from the two legislative chambers, the Governor's staff and the overall total membership of the Council. Expands County Services Planning Council report to include recommended strategies for taking advantage of existing revenue, obtaining voter approval of local option taxes and developing long-term revenue and income solutions.

BACKGROUND: The concept behind SB 78 grew out of the work done by the Governor's 2007-08 interim Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services.

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