

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2214

STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Extends and sets forest products harvest tax.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Forestry, Department of Higher Education, and Department of Revenue

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EXPENDITURES:

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REVENUES:

Refer to the Revenue Impact Statement issued by the Legislative Revenue Office

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is included in the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The measure extends the period for which forest products harvest taxes are imposed and establishes rates for the extended period. The period extended to forest products harvested in calendar years 2010 and 2011. The measure sets the tax rate for support of the forest research and experimentation at the Forest Research Laboratory at Oregon State University, and the rate of tax for administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The forest products harvest taxes are collected by the Department of Revenue, and actual tax receipts are transferred to the Department of Forestry and to the Department of Higher Education on a quarterly basis.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the taxes imposed in this measure are set at a rate to coordinate with the agencies approved budgets and projected harvest levels.

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities to the House Committee on Revenue. The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate until the tax rates can be established. A detailed fiscal impact statement will be issued for the measure when it is considered by the House Committee on Revenue.