

76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 2124
CARRIER:

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement issued
FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement issued

Preliminary

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:
Nays:
Exc.:

MEASURE: HB 2124
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HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE
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Meeting Dates: 3/23

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Extends privilege taxes on merchantable forest products harvested on forestlands. Eliminates privilege tax of 37 cents per thousand board feet for the purpose of providing field administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Will set harvest tax rates for calendar years beginning January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013 for the Forest Research and Experiment Account, the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund, and the State Forestry Department Account.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND: Privilege taxes for the harvest of forest products go to the various accounts described above, for the purposes of forest management, fire suppression, forest research and experimentation, and administration and enforcement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Under current statute, rates of privilege tax for calendar year 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

0.92 cents per thousand board feet – Forest Research and Experiment Account to be used for the State Board of Higher Education to conduct research and experimentation programs and to operate the Forest Research Laboratory

0.625 cents per thousand board feet – Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund to be used for fire protection

0.77 cents per thousand board feet – State Forestry Department Account for the state forester to administer the Oregon Forest Practices Act

0.37 cents per thousand board feet – field administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act