

76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: SB 443-1
CARRIER:

REVENUE: No

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Preliminary

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 4/13

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Eliminates sunset on provision allowing federal forest reserve moneys in Douglas and Lane County road funds to be used for patrolling of roads in these counties by law enforcement officials.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- O and C counties
- The history of the federal forest program
- History of road fund dedication
- Legal opinion on the use of these funds.
- Reductions in services and budget cuts.
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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Extends the sunset date to the year 2016.

BACKGROUND: In the 2007 session, SB 808 allowed federal forest reserve moneys to be utilized for law enforcement patrols. The measure set a sunset date of January 2, 2014 for the use of this money for law enforcement. Ordinarily, the federal forest reserve moneys are split 25% for schools and 75% for the county road funds. Various provisions apply by which money from the road fund can be transferred to pay for schools if the amount of road funds is deemed sufficient by counties. Some counties have requirements for a minimum amount of money in the road fund before they may transfer the extra money to schools. This provision allows the forest reserve money to go to law enforcement patrols.

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