

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2165

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### Measure Description:

Changes types of forest operations for which State Board of Forestry rules must require written plans.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis

### 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.

### Analysis:

The measure changes the types of forest operations for which the State Board of Forestry rules must require written plans and allows for the waiver of the written plans under certain circumstances. The measure changes the requirement that the State Forester send copies of notices or reviews of written plans and allows the State Forester to “provide” copies. The measure adjusts the amount of time that is required for the State Forester to process the written plans from three working days to six.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) estimates that the waiver requirements for receiving written plans will result in approximately 5,000 fewer written plans that will be received, reviewed, and processed by administrative and stewardship forester staff. ODF estimates that the savings in staff time from the reduced workload is equivalent to 1.5 FTE that is currently distributed among 30 Natural Resource Specialist 2 positions and some administrative staff.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the potential cost savings of a full-time Natural Resource Specialist 2 position (1.0 FTE) is approximately \$78,448 General Fund and \$52,298 in Harvest Taxes for a total of \$130,746.