

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 3
Yeas:	Cowan, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Jenson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Boone, Esquivel, Clem
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Meeting Dates:	4/8, 4/11, 4/13, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that “secure the greatest permanent value” in ORS 530.050 means to ensure lands are forests managed primarily for timber production in order to produce revenue for counties, schools and local taxing districts. Requires State Forester to manage state forests, common school lands and Elliot State Forest so as to secure greatest permanent value. Requires State Board of Forestry to modify all management plans to achieve policy goal and direction of securing greatest permanent value no later than July 1, 2012. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Historical timber harvest levels
- Revised forest management plans approved in April 2010, expected to achieve 5-15 percent increase in revenues over next decade
- Board of Forestry currently reviewing existing administrative rule that defines greatest permanent value

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Constitution provides management authority and policy direction for Common School Forest Lands (CSFL), which occur primarily in the Elliott State Forest. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) manages CSFL under the 2005 CSFL Management Agreement with the State Land Board and the Department of State Lands. The State Forester manages other types of state-owned forestland, under authority and direction of the Board of Forestry (Board) to secure the greatest permanent value of these lands to the State. In 1998, the Board defined the term “greatest permanent value” in OAR 629-035-0020. The Board approved a forest management plan, consistent with the rule, for northwest Oregon in 2001. In April 2010, the Board approved revised forest management plans for the same planning area. House 2001 would establish the meaning of the phrase “secure the greatest permanent value.”