

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Stipulates person may not transport firewood into or within Oregon for personal use or sale at, or delivery to, a destination in this state unless it was harvested in Oregon, Idaho or Washington; or the firewood has been treated in a manner prescribed by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Prohibits sale of firewood within Oregon unless firewood is harvested from source located in Oregon, Idaho or Washington or firewood is labeled as required by ODA and seller can provide documentation that firewood has been treated as prescribed by ODA. Requires persons who transport or supply firewood for other than personal use harvested from a source outside Oregon, Idaho or Washington must maintain records, certificates or other documents required by ODA. Requires persons who sell firewood harvested from a source outside Oregon, Idaho or Washington must maintain records, certificates or other documents required by ODA. Documents must include information regarding source of firewood, any treatment and disposition of firewood. Directs ODA to adopt rules establishing required retention time for documents. Authorizes ODA to inspect records, certificates or other documents and inventory and facilities of firewood transporter, supplier or seller. Sets civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for violation of ODA rules. Directs deposit of civil penalties into Invasive Species Control Account. Act applies to transportation, supplying, and wholesale selling of firewood that occurs on or after January 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dead trees become a vector for invasive species when wood is cut into firewood and transported to new location
- Focus of concern is firewood imported from outside Pacific Northwest
- Outreach effort to notify retailers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Invasive pests and pathogens are a threat to the health of trees in forests and urban areas. Other states, including Washington and Idaho, have implemented education and outreach programs to help reduce the threat of invasive species associated with firewood. House Bill 2122 A would prohibit the importation of untreated firewood from outside of the states of Oregon, Idaho and Washington.