

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits importation of untreated firewood into Oregon and sale of unlabeled firewood in Oregon. Requires Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt rules regulating importation, supply, and sale of firewood. Imposes maximum civil penalty of \$10,000 for violation of statute or regulation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability of residents of neighboring states living close to the Oregon border to sell firewood into Oregon
- Importance of outreach and education efforts by ODA and its counterparts in Washington and Idaho
- Dangers of invasive species transported into Oregon in firewood
- Discretion of ODA in setting penalty system through administrative rules

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.