76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2238 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Economic Development

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue

by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Atkinson, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0 Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes that person who owns small woodland of less than 5,000 acres may register motor vehicles with a gross vehicle rating of 26,000 pounds or less as farm vehicles. Extends farm vehicle application requirements to owner/operator of small woodland. Establishes vehicle may transport logs with a length greater than eight feet six inches but less than 17 feet if vehicle has loaded weight of 26,000 pounds or less.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reason for the 5,000 acre threshold
- Specialty products grown by small woodland owners
- Load specifications of commercial log trucks

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Trucks that are titled in Oregon and used for a certified farm operation qualify for farm registration status. Farm trucks used for farming operations benefit from a lower truck registration fee than that of commercial motor vehicles in the same weight class. House Bill 2238 A extends the benefit of the lower registration fees to owners of small woodlands.