

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Incorporates forest product industries into the green growth initiative. Instructs the Oregon Business Development Department to analyze growth factors and green jobs in forest product industries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Assessment of forest industries capabilities to find areas of expansion
- Loss of workers in forest industry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Changes the term “timber” to forest products and expands the definition to include businesses that grow, manage, harvest, transport, or process wood and paper products. House Bill 2840 instructs the State Workforce Investment Board (Board) to analyze the key growth factors for green jobs in the forest products industry and the educational and skill standards required for these green occupations. Additionally, the measure requires the Board to use this analysis, in consultation with the education and workforce policy advisor, to identify those forest industries that create high-demand green forest products.