

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Garrett, Holvey, Hunt, Olson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Freeman, Wingard
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Meeting Dates:	6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Excludes woody biomass that is combusted as a fuel by facility that has obtained permit under 468A.040 (air quality) from definition of solid waste. Establishes ORS 459.005 (solid waste management definitions) do not apply to wood residue that: is by-product of manufacturing wood products or processing wood at facility that manufactures wood products, including, sawmill, pulp mill or paper mill; is not comingled with other types of solid waste; and is combusted as fuel by generator of wood residue in facility that has obtained air quality permit and is owned or operated by generator; or is purchased from or exchanged by generator of wood residue for fair market value and is combusted as fuel in facility that has obtained air quality permit.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarifies statute so that woody biomass is not regulated under air quality program in future
- Current regulation of woody biomass

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law establishes a hierarchy for the management of solid waste. The first objective is to prevent the generation of the waste. If that is not possible, reuse is the next best option, followed by recycling, composting, and energy recovery. Safe disposal is the last option, if none of the others is feasible. The Department of Environmental Quality does not currently regulate biomass fuels as solid waste. House Bill 3687A specifically excludes woody biomass that is combusted as fuel by a facility that has obtained an air quality permit from the definition of solid waste.