## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 25 CARRIER: Rep. Cowan

**House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** 

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Clem

Nays: 0

**Exc.:** Sprenger, Jenson

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/11

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Urges Congress to reauthorize Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and to appropriate funding at 2008 levels for additional 10-year period through 2021.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Priority legislation for counties during the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Reduction in public services without reauthorization
- Funding cuts for schools, roads, courthouses, sheriffs, jails and other public services
- Mississippi concurrent resolution urging reauthorization

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) established a revenue-sharing formula based on historical timber receipts from Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service lands. The Act allowed counties to elect to receive payments based on the average payment for the highest three years between 1986 and 1990. Payments were to be used to support education, roads, and other services in rural counties. The Act expired in 2006 and was extended in 2007 for one year. In 2008, the Act was extended for an additional four years through the end of 2011, but at a declining percent of base year revenue. Oregon received \$230 million in payments for 2008.