76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 192 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Witt

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 2 - 0

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

Nays: Cowan, Schaufler

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Workforce Investment Board (Board) to include in its plan for green job growth an analysis of occupations in forest products industry to determine key growth factors and employment projections for green jobs in forest products industry and to determine educational standards required for current and emerging green occupations in forest products industry. Requires Board to identify forest products industries to be classified as high-demand green industries. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to include forest products industries when developing criteria for investing in green economy industries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Loss of employment opportunities in forest industry
- Forest jobs are green jobs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Workforce Investment Board (Board) is the overall advisory board to the Governor on workforce matters. The Board is comprised of leaders representing private sector businesses, labor, state, local governments and government agencies. The 2009 Legislative Assembly required the Board to develop a Green Jobs Growth Plan for the state. In order to carry out this charge, the Governor convened a high level Green Jobs Council. The preliminary plan was submitted to the Legislative Assembly in January of 2010, and the final plan was completed in October, 2010.