

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 2/22

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mill closures and loss of jobs related to forest products
- Forest products relation to green industries such as paper recycling and biomass energy generation
- Sale of forest products

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) is the overall advisory board to the Governor on workforce matters. The OWIB is comprised of leaders representing private sector businesses, labor, state, local governments and government agencies. A majority of the nearly 25 members represent the private sector. In the 2009 Legislative Session, the Oregon Legislature required the OWIB 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 as a committee of the OWIB. The preliminary Plan was submitted to the Legislative Assembly in January of 2010, and the final plan was completed in October, 2010.