

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 – 0 – 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 6/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Excludes woody biomass combusted as fuel from definition of “solid waste.”
Excludes wood residue combusted as fuel from definitions that apply to solid waste regulation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consensus legislation
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.

Senate Bill 993 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.