

**A-Engrossed
House Bill 2122**

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Prohibits importation of untreated firewood into state. Prohibits sales of unlabeled firewood.]
Prohibits transporting firewood into or within Oregon and selling firewood in Oregon, unless firewood has been harvested in Oregon, Idaho or Washington or firewood meets certain standards. Requires State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules regulating *[importation, supplying and sale of]* firewood.

Makes violation of statute or department rules subject to civil penalty, not to exceed \$10,000. Directs deposit of civil penalty moneys into Invasive Species Control Account.

Applies to *[importation or other nonretail supplying of firewood, and to]* **transporting into state, supplying of and** wholesale selling of firewood, that occurs on or after *[July 1, 2012]* **January 1, 2013**. Applies to sales of firewood that retail seller acquires on or after *[July 1, 2012]* **January 1, 2013**.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to firewood; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas invasive forest pests and disease cause millions of dollars in damage annually to the forest industries, residential structures and public lands of the United States; and

Whereas it is desirable to reduce the risk of introducing invasive pests and diseases into Oregon forests; and

Whereas preventing the introduction of pests that have become established outside of the Pacific Northwest into Oregon can be furthered through the creation of labeling and treatment requirements for firewood; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Firewood" means whole or split pieces of wood that are:

(A) Less than 48 inches in length; and

(B) In a form commonly used for burning in campfires, stoves or fireplaces.

(b) "Invasive species" has the meaning given that term in ORS 570.755.

(2) A person may not transport into or within this state firewood for personal use or sale at, or delivery to, a destination in this state unless:

(a) The firewood is harvested from a source located in this state, Idaho or Washington;
or

(b) The firewood has been treated in a manner prescribed by the State Department of Agriculture.

(3) A person may not sell firewood within this state unless:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) The firewood is harvested from a source located in this state, Idaho or Washington;
2 or

3 (b) The firewood is labeled as required by the department and the seller can provide
4 documentation that the firewood has been treated as prescribed by the department.

5 (4)(a) Persons that transport or supply firewood in this state for other than personal use
6 that is harvested from a source outside of this state, Idaho or Washington shall maintain
7 records, certificates or other documents as required by the department. Persons that sell
8 firewood in this state that is harvested from a source outside of this state, Idaho or
9 Washington shall maintain records, certificates or other documents as required by the de-
10 partment.

11 (b) The records, certificates or other documents of a person described in paragraph (a)
12 of this subsection that transports or supplies firewood in this state must include, but need
13 not be limited to, information regarding the source of the firewood, any treatment of the
14 firewood and the disposition of the firewood. The records, certificates or other documents
15 of a person described in paragraph (a) of this subsection that sells firewood must include,
16 but need not be limited to, information regarding the source and supplier of the firewood.
17 The department shall adopt rules establishing the required retention time for the records,
18 certificates or documents.

19 (c) The department may inspect the records, certificates and other documents described
20 in paragraph (b) of this subsection and the inventory and facilities of a person that trans-
21 ports firewood or of a firewood supplier or seller at any time during reasonable business
22 hours and may take samples for purposes of detecting invasive species.

23 (5) The department shall adopt rules for carrying out this section.

24 **SECTION 2.** Violation of section 1 of this 2011 Act or a State Department of Agriculture
25 rule adopted under section 1 of this 2011 Act is punishable by a civil penalty, not to exceed
26 \$10,000. The imposition of a civil penalty under this section is subject to ORS 183.745. Any
27 civil penalty recovered under this section shall be deposited in the Invasive Species Control
28 Account established under ORS 570.810.

29 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2011 Act applies to the transportation into this state or
30 other supplying of firewood, and to the wholesale selling of firewood, that occurs on or after
31 January 1, 2013. Section 1 of this 2011 Act applies to the selling of firewood that a retail seller
32 acquires from a supplier or wholesale seller on or after January 1, 2013.

33 (2) The State Department of Agriculture shall complete the adoption under section 1 of
34 this 2011 Act of temporary or permanent initial rules to regulate the transportation into this
35 state and other supplying of firewood and to regulate the wholesale and retail sale of
36 firewood in time for the rules to become effective on January 1, 2013.

37 **SECTION 4.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
39 on its passage.

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