

76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2012 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 4175
CARRIER:

REVENUE: No
FISCAL: ?

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:
Nays:
Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: Feb-20

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Permits certain counties to use federal forest reserve moneys in county road funds for law enforcement purposes if sufficient amount of federal moneys is received by county.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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- Previous session work
- LC opinion background

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

BACKGROUND:

In the 2007 session, SB 808 allowed federal forest reserve moneys to be utilized for law enforcement patrols. The measure set a sunset date of January 2, 2014 for the use of this money for law enforcement. In the 2011 session SB 443 extended the sunset to January 2, 2016. Ordinarily, the federal forest reserve moneys are split 25% for schools and 75% for the county road funds. This provision allows the forest reserve money to go to law enforcement patrols and extends the authority to all counties who receive federal funds and whose federal funds exceed 10% of the county general fund for the last 10 years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 4175**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2012 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Date: 2/21/12

Measure Description:

Permits certain counties to use federal forest reserve moneys in county road funds for law enforcement purposes if sufficient amount of federal moneys is received by county.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Please see analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure does not appear to have a direct fiscal impact to counties; however it does create exemptions to statute for financing certain county operations. Existing law allows for two counties (Lane and Douglas) to set aside the distribution formula of monies received by counties from federal forest reserves to road and school funds and also set aside the statute limiting the uses of monies in the road fund for the purpose of patrolling the roads by law enforcement. This measure expands that ability to all counties in Oregon so long as the year for which those expenditures are made meets the ratio requirements of federal forest reserve funds received to total county general fund receipts. The measure goes on to apply these provisions to any year before, on, or after the effective date of the bill and removes the provisions applying to Lane and Douglas Counties limiting them to monies received on or before 9/27/2007. For counties with funding available, the bill simply creates a funding flexibility for these law enforcement activities in the future, but there is the potential that some counties would choose to reduce the amount of monies being directed to school funds to provide for it. Allowing the provisions to apply to past years may allow counties to back-fill prior general fund expenditures for the patrolling activities from the road fund as well. There is not readily available information to determine a fiscal impact, if any, from those provisions.