

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Greenlick, Harker, Hunt, Sheehan, Sprenger, Dembrow, Johnson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Lindsay
Prepared By:	Victoria Cox, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Forestry Education Council (Council) to advise State Board of Higher Education regarding development of work plans and allocation of resources affecting forestry education. Directs State Treasurer, at direction of Oregon University System (OUS), to establish subaccount in OUS Fund, dedicated to forestry education. Requires Council to develop criteria for determining allocations from subaccount and to conduct review of investments in forestry education and report findings to Chancellor. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Forestry programs offered at Oregon State University
- Industry demand for program graduates
- Current research and wood product development
- Continuing need for forest managers and engineers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that subaccount is established at direction of OUS. Specifies that President of Oregon State University appoints members to Council.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 504 (1997) established the Engineering and Technology Industry Council to encourage public-private partnerships between Oregon's public universities and the state's high tech industries in order to improve engineering and technology education and provide industry with a skilled workforce. House Bill 4002A replicates this model by establishing the Forestry Education Council to strengthen the public-private partnership between forest industries and Oregon State University's College of Forestry.