

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Garrard
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Read, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: February 24, 2012

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. Establishes in Oregon University System Fund, a subaccount dedicated to forestry education. Requires Council to develop criteria to use in 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:

- -A3 amendment
- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds language declaring that there is no obligation or expectation for a General Fund appropriation or increase or reallocation of forest products harvest taxes for deposit into the subaccount.

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.