

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Jenson, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Esquivel
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Cowan
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Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Douglas Forest Protective Association, Coos Forest Protective Association, Walker Range Forest Protective Association or successor to enter into contracts to provide seasonal fire prevention and suppression personnel to perform off-season services. Stipulates services provided under contract must be off-season services that State Forestry Department (ODF) personnel were authorized to perform under contract agreements between ODOT and ODF on or before January 1, 2012. Requires ODOT to submit summary of any contract to Department of Administrative Services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Average retention rate for seasonal personnel
- Clarifies authority for practice that has been happening for years
- Practice does not displace any other workers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Current law allows for the State Forester and a forest protective association to enter into a contract or agreement with a state agency for the prevention and suppression of fire on forestland or on land other than forests to prevent and suppress fires.

House Bill 4072A would authorize ODOT and the Douglas Forest Protective Association, Coos Forest Protective Association, or the Walker Range Forest Protective Association to enter into contracts to provide seasonal fire prevention and suppression personnel to perform off-season services.