

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

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:	Boone, Jenson, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Esquivel
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Cowan
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/9, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that as part of managing state forestlands to greatest permanent value, annual timber harvest must equal 85 percent of annual amount of harvestable timber to be grown on state forestlands. Stipulates if 85 percent harvest level cannot be conducted in Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath-Lake, North Cascade, Southwest Oregon, Tillamook, West Oregon or Western Lane district, State Forester must manage other districts in manner that produces total state harvest level that at minimum reaches 85 percent. Applies to timber harvest and expected harvestable timber growth in calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal forest management
- Traditionally greatest permanent value has been interpreted to balance social, economic and environmental benefits
- Implementation of harvesting at level equal to 85 percent
- Impact of timber related jobs in rural areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Stipulates direction is part of managing state forestlands to secure greatest permanent value of lands in state. Changes annual timber harvest amount to 85 percent.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Constitution provides management authority and policy direction for Common School Forest Lands (CSFL), which are located primarily in the Elliott State Forest. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) manages CSFL under the 2005 CSFL Management Agreement with the State Land Board and the Department of State Lands. The State Forester manages other types of state-owned forestland, under authority and direction of the Board of Forestry (Board) to secure the greatest permanent value of these lands to the State. In 1998, the Board defined the term “greatest permanent value” in Oregon Administrative Rule 629-035-0020. The Board approved a forest management plan, consistent with the rule, for northwest Oregon in 2001. In April 2010, the Board approved revised forest management plans for the same planning area.