

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

**MEASURE: HB 4175-A
CARRIER:**

**REVENUE: No Revenue Impact
FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Statement Issued**

Action: Do Pass with Amendments, be printed Engrossed and be Referred to Ways and Means by Prior Reference.

Vote: 8-0-0

Yeas: Bailey, Bentz, Brewer, Gelsner, Read, Wand, Barnhart, Berger

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: Feb-20, Feb-22

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:

- School funding not being included or part of this flexibility. The 25% are outside this scope.
- Previous session work, allowance for a limited period and a sunset clause.
- LC opinion background on the flexibility of those federal funds.
- How the counties will need to include these provisions and flexibility.
- Six counties get to use the federal funds until sunset date.
- The rest of the counties can use the federal money as a loan to be budgeted and repaid.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: The amendment specifies the language to be applicable to six counties. Allows for the federal money to be loaned by the rest of the counties to road patrols, but specifies that it needs to be budgeted and payable in three years after the end of the current year or the current budget.

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 as a budgeted loan. This is a permissive (enabling) legislation and does not impact state funds.

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