

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. McLane
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Verger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 23 – 1 – 1

House

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

Nays: Beyer

Exc:

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: March 2, 2012

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits certain counties to use federal forest reserve monies in county road funds for law enforcement activities; allows a county to make inter-fund loans from a county's road fund to any other county fund for the purpose of patrolling by law enforcement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds Coos County to list of counties that are exempted from existing statute regarding use of county road funds for law enforcement patrol.

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.