

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Starr, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits small woodland owners to register vehicles as farm vehicles if woodland and vehicle meet certain requirements. Modifies circumstances under which farmers using farm plates may haul logs from farm.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of vehicles used and materials moved as part of small woodland operations
- Distance limitations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Certain vehicles utilized for farm, orchard or ranch operations are eligible for registration as a farm vehicle, which provides an alternate fee schedule for vehicle registration. The fee for farm vehicle registration is based on gross vehicle weight (GVW) and can be for one full year, three-quarter year, half-year, or one-quarter year. While the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation issues the registration plates, applicants must first receive approval for designation as a farm vehicle from the Department's Motor Carrier Transportation Division.

Senate Bill 349 expands eligibility for farm vehicle registration plates to persons who own a farm designated as a small woodland of less than 5,000 acres, provided the vehicles to be registered have a GVW of 26,000 pounds or less and are used to transport timber.