

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cameron, Davis, Frederick, Holvey, Thatcher, Clem
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Meeting Dates:	2/7, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes agricultural building customarily provided in conjunction with farm or forest use an authorized use on land zoned for forest use or for mixed farm and forest use. Adds structure located on forest operation to definition of “agricultural building” in statute exempting such buildings from application of state structural specialty code. Adds following uses of agricultural buildings: storage of forestry machinery and equipment; raising, harvesting, and selling forest products; preparing and storing forest products; and disposing of farm produce and forest products. Prohibits conversion of agricultural building to another use.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Building permits required for structures housing farm machinery
- County zoning restrictions
- Role of small woodland owners
- Farm use as compared to forest use on EFU land
- Definition of customary use

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes agricultural building customarily provided in conjunction with farm or forest use authorized use on land zoned for forest use or for mixed farm and forest use. Prohibits conversion of agricultural building to another use.

BACKGROUND: In Oregon, agricultural lands are conserved for agricultural uses and certain non-farm uses that are compatible with farming through use of exclusive farm use (EFU) zones. As of 2009, about 15.5 million acres (56 percent of private lands in Oregon) were included in EFU zones. House Bill 2441 would allow the use of agricultural buildings for forest use on forest or mixed farm and forest use land. Such buildings currently require a conditional use permit.