

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/12, 4/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Defines terms. Establishes person commits class A violation if during fire season declared for forest protection district or part of district: (1) person releases sky lantern or discharges exploding target or tracer ammunition on land inside district or within 1/8 mile of district or (2) sky lantern released by person crosses above land inside district or within 1/8 mile of district. Authorizes State Fire Marshal, State Forestry Department or State Forester to issue citation for violations in addition to enforcement officers specified in ORS 153.005.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 35 fires caused by these devices since 2007
- Also addresses agricultural and grazing lands in fire protection district
- Current authority to prohibit these devices requires a district-by-district approach

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Forester currently has authority to restrict uses on forestlands inside or within 1/8 mile of a forest protection district during a declared fire season; however, such restrictions must be imposed on a district-by-district basis. House Bill 3199A would establish that a person commits a violation if they perform certain acts inside or within 1/8 mile of a district boundary with incendiary devices during a declared fire season.