

**REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Witt  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Whitsett  
**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises statute governing harvest and transport of special forest products. Replaces “mushroom” with “fungi” to include truffle as special forest product. Effective July 1, 2014, makes definition of “special forest product” in statute more general and stipulates identification of special forest product in administrative rule by State Board of Forestry. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Problems faced by private landowners
- Permit requirements
- Current law includes mushrooms; truffles are very valuable and are not a mushroom
- Adoption of specific list of special forest products in rule by Board of Forestry

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

**BACKGROUND:** Special forest products are currently listed in state law and include forest products other than traditional timber that can be used for personal, commercial or scientific purposes. Permit requirements for harvest of special forest products vary with land ownership. On private land, approval must be obtained from the landowner. On public land, approval may be required from the federal land management agency. State law allows the cutting of wild edible mushrooms of one gallon or less and harvesting certain other products having a total volume of less than 27 cubic feet on public lands without a permit. House Bill 2615 A would change “mushroom” to “fungi” in the special forest products law and authorize the State Board of Forestry to define special forest products by administrative rule beginning in 2014.