

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes use of agricultural building customarily provided in conjunction with farm or forest use on land zoned for forest or mixed farm and forest use. Prohibits conversion of such building to another use. Modifies definition of “agricultural building” to include structure located on forest operation to exempt such buildings from state structural specialty code. Adds forestry uses to definition of agricultural buildings including: storing or repairing forestry machinery and equipment, and raising, harvesting, selling, preparing, storing or disposing of forest products.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Storage of forestry equipment and machinery to protect from elements
- Similar use of agricultural buildings on land zoned for exclusive farm use (EFU)
- Requirements of current permitting process for buildings on land zoned for forest use
- Conversion of agricultural buildings to other uses prohibited

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon protects agricultural lands and forest lands through the statewide comprehensive planning program that requires local governments to inventory and designate these lands in the comprehensive plan, zone the land for EFU or forest use, and adopt policies to preserve these lands. Farm and forest lands are further protected through limitations on the uses allowed on lands designated for farm or forest use. In mixed farm and forest zones, counties may apply the rules for either farm or forest lands in approving most uses. House Bill 2441 A would allow the use of agricultural buildings for forest use on forest or mixed farm and forest land.

ORS 455.315 exempts agricultural buildings located on a farm and used in the operation of the farm from the requirement for a building permit and inspection under the Oregon State Structural Specialty Code. House Bill 2441 A extends the structural specialty code exemption to agricultural buildings located on forest operations and adds forestry uses of structures to the definition of agricultural buildings eligible for exemption.