

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/29, 5/8

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:

- Since 2007 35 fires have been attributed to exploding targets and tracer or incendiary ammunition
- Current authority to prohibit these devices requires a district-by-district approach
- Growing popularity of sky lanterns

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.