

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/9, 3/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes State Forester to enter into and administer contracts for activities necessary or convenient for sales of timber from lands owned or managed by State Board of Forestry or State Forestry Department which include but are not limited to timber harvesting and sorting, transporting, gravel pit development or operation, and road construction, maintenance or improvement. Exempts activity contracts from public contracting laws. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Forestry manages about 821,000 acres of forestlands. All state forest lands are actively managed under adopted forest management plans to provide economic, environmental, and social benefits to Oregonians. Most of the revenue from timber sales goes to county governments and local public districts, and from Common School Forest Lands to benefit schools throughout the state.

Senate Bill 248 would authorize the State Forester to enter into and administer contracts for activities necessary or convenient for sales of timber from lands owned or managed by the State Board of Forestry or the State Forestry Department.