

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL:** None

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:**

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes counties to establish programs for forestry products grown on nonforest land and marketed through forestry product cooperatives. Requires state regulatory system for oversight of county program. Requires State Forester to establish procedures and guidelines for program and provide oversight. Exempts forest cooperative activities conducted in accordance with state rules from antitrust laws. Prohibits application of local ordinance to require or prohibit removal of tree enrolled in forestry product cooperative project. Creates exceptions.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** ORS Chapter 321 defines forestland as land that is being held or used for the predominant purpose of growing and harvesting trees of a marketable species and has been designated as forestland or land for which the highest and best use is the growing and harvesting of such trees. Nonforest lands include all other lands.

House Bill 2984 would require Clackamas County to establish the Clackamas Forestry Product Cooperative Project as a pilot program to promote economic investment in forest production on nonforest lands and require the State Forester to establish guidelines for the program and provide oversight.