

## Representative Read

### FULL COMMITTEE PONY

#### HB 2998

#### Relating to western juniper

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HB 2998 authorizes \$800,000 of Lottery Funds and \$100,000 of General Fund to support the commercialization of Western Juniper. Funding is provided on a one-time basis.

There are four activities funded in the bill. These include:

- \$500,000 to the Oregon Business Development Department for economic development assistance loans and grants to businesses harvesting or manufacturing Western Juniper products;
- \$200,000 to OBDD to provide technical assistance to these businesses;
- \$100,000 to OBDD for workforce training projects; and
- \$100,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to finance mapping of marketable Western Juniper stands by the Institute for Natural Resources at Portland State University.

The commercialization of Western Juniper will provide both economic and environmental benefits.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2998 be amended by the -A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.