

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires Clackamas County to establish Clackamas Forestry Product Cooperative Project as pilot program for forestry products grown on nonforest land. Allows the project to operate in areas outside city limits or within a city that has elected to be involved with Project. Allows city to determine how Project will operate within city limits. Creates a regulatory system intended to grant immunity from federal and state antitrust laws to the project parties. Requires Clackamas County to appoint advisory committee to make recommendations regarding structure and operation of the project and addressing the concerns of local governments and business interests within county. Requires marking of trees covered by agreements and exempts certain trees from state or local restrictions on tree removal. Allocates from Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, \$750,000 as grant to County for pilot project program development. Establishes requirements for county program model developed by County and requires County to report to Legislative Assembly on progress. Requires State Forester to establish procedures and guidelines for program and provide oversight. Requires State Forester set prices for purchase and sale under Project. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No 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 investment in forest production on nonforest lands and require the State Forester to establish guidelines for the program and provide oversight.