

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Imposes a severance tax on the harvest of timber from forestlands in Oregon of \$10 per thousand board feet. Allocates the funds as follows:\$5 per thousand board feet to the Forest Fire Reserve Fund, \$1 per thousand board feet to the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund, administrative expenses to the Department of Forestry, and the remaining amount to counties according to their harvest.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-4 - The amendment sets the tax at \$10 per thousand board feet to be deposited in the Forestland and County Reserve Fund. Provides that \$5 per thousand board feet of this amount be allocated to the Forest Fire Reserve Fund, \$1 per thousand board feet be allocated to the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund, an amount necessary to administer the Forest Fire Reserve fund be transferred to the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the remainder be distributed to counties according to their harvest volumes.

BACKGROUND:

The new severance tax on harvest of forest products would be in addition to the existing Forest Products Harvest Tax, which totals \$3.43 per thousand board feet in 2015.