

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

MEASURE: SB 248
CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/23/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/11, 03/23

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen

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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:

- Current process for selling timber
- Opportunity to auction delivered logs, sorted by grade or species
- Maximize revenue from sales

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry manages about 821,000 acres of forest lands. All state forest lands are 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.