

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Workforce

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Finance And Revenue. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Meeting Dates: 04/08, 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Rosenbaum, Thatcher

Nays: 2 - Gelser, Knopp

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires first \$500,000 received by Lane County from federal forest reserves be used to fund career and technical education programs in Lane County. Removes federal forest reserves from description of local revenue of Lane County for purposes of State School Fund distributions. Defines eligible career and technical education programs. Requires Lane County to report on programs funded with this money. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact federal forest reserves on school funding
- Value of career and technical education programs in Lane County
- Impact of Secure Rural Schools bill in Congress

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Limits federal forest reserves received by Lane County that are to be directed to career and technical education programs to the first \$500,000. Defines eligible career and technical education programs. Requires Lane County to report on programs funded with this money.

BACKGROUND:

County school funds in Oregon receive revenue from a variety of sources, including state and federal forest harvests. Lane County receives revenues into the County School Fund from an allocation of state revenue earned from the Elliott State Forest timber harvest and the timber harvests from U.S. National Forests in Lane County.

Senate Bill 885-A provides that the first \$500,000 received by Lane County from federal forest reserves be used to fund career and technical education programs in Lane County.