

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/29/15

Action: House Concur In Senate Amendments, Repass

Meeting Dates: 06/29

Vote:

House

Yeas: 3 - Krieger, McLain, Witt

Senate

Yeas: 2 - Dembrow, Edwards

Nays: 1 - Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines large commercial event as a gathering that has an organizer, is held for purpose of shared or common activity or experience, has more than 50 individuals participating or more than 15 motor vehicles present, and continues or is scheduled to continue for more than four consecutive hours. Requires organizers of large commercial events on state forestlands to obtain permit from Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Stipulates permit does not entitle organizer to make any physical changes to state forestland. Creates requirements for large commercial event permit application and authorizes ODF to charge fee for reviewing and processing application. Authorizes ODF to consult with Oregon Health Authority and Department of Environmental Quality prior to adopting rules establishing health and safety standards for events. Authorizes ODF to suspend or revoke permit under certain circumstances. Establishes event organizer commits Class A misdemeanor if they violate permit requirement, or recklessly allow violation of permit terms and conditions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Effect of events on public safety resources

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) manages roughly 821,000 acres of forestlands, primarily concentrated in six large state forests. State forestlands are managed by ODF to provide economic, environmental and social benefits to Oregonians. Large unregulated events, particularly in remote state forest areas, raise the potential for impact on sensitive resources; valuable timber and forest management areas; and on public health, safety and welfare.

House Bill 2453B would make conducting large commercial events on state forestlands subject to review for potential impacts and permit requirements.