

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/25

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Recognizes 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Tree Farm System and commends groups interested in wise management of forest resources.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** On June 12, 1941, the nation's first tree farm was dedicated near Montesano, Washington. Over the next few decades the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) expanded to all 50 states. ATFS is the country's largest and oldest woodland certification system, and is one of three certification systems currently recognized in the United States (the others include the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.) ATFS has certified more than 24 million acres of privately owned forestland managed by over 82,000 family forest landowners.

ATFS certification requires that private forest landowners own at least ten acres of forestland, develop a management plan, and follow environmental standards developed by ATFS and the American Forest Foundation. Family forest landowners own nearly two-thirds of U.S. forestlands, and it is estimated that 60 percent of all the wood harvested in the U.S. comes from family forestlands.

House Concurrent Resolution 208 recognizes the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Tree Farm System.