

HB 2466 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Imposes a tax on harvest of timber from forestlands in Oregon of \$10 per thousand board feet to be allocated to the Forestland and County Reserve Fund to be distributed to the Forest Fire Reserve fund to fund fire suppression, the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund to fund watershed conservation, and counties. Applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes the amount of the tax from \$10 per thousand board feet to \$5 per thousand board feet. Provides an allocation of funds for reimbursement of the Department of Revenue for administrative costs, not to exceed 2 percent of proceeds. Cuts the amounts in half for allocation to various entities. Adds a prohibition on the expenditure of General Fund moneys on fires unless the Forest Fire Reserve Fund is insufficient to make the expenditure.

BACKGROUND:

The current taxes on timber harvest are \$3.7287 per thousand board feet.