

## The Association of Oregon Counties Support HB 2072

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) supports for HB 2072 which extends the sunset for the Biomass Producer or Collector Tax Credit

AOC believes continuing to invest in biomass development in Oregon is a “win-win” approach to several problems. HB 2072 will:

- continue to stimulate new economic investment and green job opportunities, especially in rural areas,
- increase forest health by removing small diameter logs that are currently creating problems for our undermanaged forests, and
- increase energy independence for Oregon by providing clean, home grown sources of heat and electricity.

The counties have also been actively involved in the investments the state has made in existing forest management programs. AOC believes that HB 2072 will sync well with these efforts by continuing a use for forest materials through tax credits. By incentivizing the collection of materials or production of biomass-based energy the ongoing restoration efforts will continue and provide jobs in the forest product sector.

AOC strongly supports HB 2072. For more information on AOC’s position please contact policy manager, Mark Nystrom ([mnystrom@oregoncounties.org](mailto:mnystrom@oregoncounties.org)/503-585-8351)