

HB 3006 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish a list of Oregon-based contractors determined to be qualified to supply ODF with wildfire suppression equipment. Directs ODF to establish initial list of Oregon-qualified contractors in time to use their equipment for fire seasons beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day after 2017 adjournment sine die.

Minimal fiscal impact, no revenue impact

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 56; Nays, 2--Holvey, Smith G; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Lininger, Sollman

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Fire Protection program protects 16 million acres of forest, including state and privately-owned forests, and, by contract, United States Bureau of Land Management forests in western Oregon. During 2016, ODF managed 831 fires encompassing over 50,000 acres. ODF contracted with 46 private wildfire fighting companies to complete this task.

House Bill 3006A requires ODF to establish a list of Oregon-based contractors qualified to supply ODF with wildfire suppression equipment in time for a fire season beginning on or after January 1, 2018.