HB 2072 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Tax Credits

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Meeting Dates: 6/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Moves the sunset date for the biomass production or collection tax credit from either January 1, 2018 or January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2024. Moves administration of the woody biomass tax credit from the Department of Energy to the State Forestry Department. Creates an annual cap of \$600,000 for woody biomass tax credits. Applies to tax years beginning on or after 1-1-18 and applications for certification received after 1-1-18.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's biomass producer or collector tax credit was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2007 to promote sustainable growth of the biofuels market in Oregon. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) certifies tax credits for businesses that collect or produce certain biomass material in Oregon, if delivered for use as feedstock for bioenergy or biofuel production in the state. Senate Bill 1507 (2016) extended the sunset for the tax credit for animal manure and rendering offal until 2022; the other biomass tax credits are set to expire on January 1, 2018.