

**SB 805 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 03/06/17

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

**Exc:** 1 - Baertschiger Jr

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$9,400,000 out of the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for biennium beginning July 1, 2017 to be expended for the agricultural experiment station and branch stations, the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service and OSU Forest Research Laboratory programs. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of program funding
- How program services are used by Oregon agriculture and forestry industries
- Examples of program outcomes and products

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State University (OSU) Agricultural Experiment Station conducts research and demonstrations in the agricultural, biological, social, and environmental sciences. Research is conducted in Corvallis and at 11 branch stations throughout the state. The mission of the OSU Extension Service is to "convey research-based knowledge in a way that is useful for people to improve their lives, their homes, and their communities." Extension faculty work with researchers and volunteers to develop and deliver non-credit educational programs based on locally identified needs. The OSU Forest Research Laboratory conducts research on sustainable forest yields, use of forest products, and stewardship of Oregon's resources. This research is conducted in laboratories and forests administered by OSU, cooperative agencies and industry partners.

Senate Bill 805 would appropriate funds to support these programs at OSU.