

HB 3151 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/13/17

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$695,000 from General Fund to Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to carry out integrated pest management program to combat Sudden Oak Death. Requires ODF to use \$50,000 of allocated money for block grants to assist Association of Oregon Counties to establish task force to encourage and coordinate integrated pest management programs to combat Sudden Oak Death. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of Sudden Oak Death in Oregon
- NA1 and EU1 strains of Sudden Oak Death invasive pathogen
- Economic impacts of Sudden Oak Death

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sudden Oak Death (SOD), scientific name *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P. ramorum*), has been detected throughout California coastal forests and in Curry County, Oregon. SOD attacks the vascular system of trees, and can lead to the rapid death of tanoaks, coast live oaks, and black oaks. A new strain of SOD, EU1, has the potential to damage Douglas fir trees. The U.S. Forest Service has identified management strategies for three stages of SOD which correspond to the life cycle of an infected forest.

House Bill 3151 would appropriate \$695,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Forestry to carry out an integrated pest management program to combat SOD.