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Carrier: Rep. Bentz

HB 3006 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/18/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB

Exc: 2 - Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local and state response to wildfire events
- Preference for Oregon contractors
- Issues of proximity and cost

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is currently tasked with the management of wildfires throughout Oregon. During 2016, ODF managed 831 fires encompassing over 50,000 acres. ODF was able to complete this task through the contracting of 46 private wildfire fighting companies.

House Bill 3006A requires ODF to establish a list of Oregon-based contractors determined to be qualified to supply ODF with wildfire suppression equipment in time to use for the fire season beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The measure directs ODF to make the list available on a publicly accessible website.