

HB 2270 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Action Date: 06/01/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Ways and Means.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Bentz, Hernandez, Johnson, Marsh, Nosse, Smith G, Smith Warner

Exc: 1 - Buehler

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends privilege taxes on merchantable forest products harvested on forestlands for calendar years 2018 and 2019. Prepares to set harvest taxes to be allocated to the Forest Research and Experiment Account, Oregon Forest Practices Act administration, and professional forestry education at Oregon State University.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fire funding in Oregon
- Use of timber tax

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For calendar years 2016 and 2017, the tax was set at 90 cents per thousand board feet (mbf) for the Forest Research and Experiment Account, 110.37 cents/mbf to administer the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and 10 cents/mbf to support professional forestry education at Oregon State University. An amount of 62.5 cents/mbf is allocated to fire suppression but is unchanged by this measure. 2018 harvest is estimated to be 3,958,410 mbf.