

HB 2270 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Helm

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 06/30/17

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

House Vote

Yeas: 9 - Gomberg, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant

Nays: 1 - Holvey

Exc: 1 - Williamson

Senate Vote

Yeas: 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

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. Sets harvest taxes to be allocated to the Forest Research and Experiment Account, Oregon Forest Practices Act administration, Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund, and professional forestry education at Oregon State University.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fire funding in Oregon
- Use of timber tax
- Amount of revenue raised

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Provides rates to complete the blank lines in the introduced bill and changes the method by which the maximum allowable tax rate for that portion of the tax that is levied to support the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

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.