

SB 257 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$30 million in general fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon State University (OSU) agricultural experience stations, extension services, and forest research laboratory.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station (OAES) is a statewide network that conducts research and demonstrations in the agricultural, biological, social and environmental sciences at the OSU main campus in Corvallis and branch stations throughout the state. The OSU Extension Service is a statewide network based in Oregon counties that develops and delivers non-credit, educational programs based on locally identified needs. The Forest Research Laboratory conducts research on management and utilization of Oregon forests. The research results are shared with educational programs, forestry and scientific publications, government, and the public. Senate Bill 257 provides \$30 million to support these OSU statewide programs and services.