

HB 2469 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows counties to approve a new single-family dwelling on forestlands provided that: (1) the lot or parcel is no smaller than the allowed minimum size; (2) the lot or parcel contains exactly one existing single-family dwelling that was lawfully in existence before November 4, 1993 or lawfully approved under forestland dwelling statutory requirements; (3) the shortest distance between the new and existing dwellings is 200 feet maximum; (4) the new and existing dwellings are occupied by the owner or a relative of the owner; and (5) the purpose of the new dwelling is to allow the relative to assist in the harvesting, processing, or replanting of forest products, or the management, operation, planning, acquisition, or supervision of forest lots or parcels of the owner.

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:

In 1993, the Legislative Assembly declared that it is a state policy to provide certain owners of less productive forestland with the opportunity to build a dwelling on their land, while limiting the siting of dwellings and land division on more productive forestland. ORS 215.705-215.755 authorize counties to allow certain single-family dwellings to be established on forestlands, and outline criteria for large tract, alternative, and other forestland dwellings.

House Bill 2469 would allow counties to approve a new single-family dwelling on forestlands near an existing dwelling for a relative of the owner who supports the forestry practices of the owner, provided certain conditions are met.