

HJM 1 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Prepared By: Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 3/4, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges the President and Congress to pursue Oregon and California Railroad grant land management reforms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on O&C lands

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Revises whereas clauses. Modifies request to President and Congress to urge passage of the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act before close of federal Fiscal Year 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, commonly referred to as O&C lands, comprise 2.6 million acres of land within 18 counties in western Oregon, which was originally granted to the Oregon and California Railroad for construction of a rail link between Portland and San Francisco. Congress returned the land to the federal government in 1916; it is currently managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.