

HB 2073 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Revenue****Prepared By:** Jaime McGovern, Economist**Meeting Dates:** 4/17, 6/3**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends and updates privilege taxes on forest products harvested on forestlands in Oregon. Charges based on thousand board feet (MBF). Monies go to the Oregon Protection Fund, OSU Research, Forest Practices, and Oregon Forest Research Institute

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Uses of the forest product harvest tax
- Risk of insurance disappearing
- Small woodland owners and large forest owners and tax burden sharing.
- Increase in forest fires.
- Where forest fires start.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Forest Products Harvest Tax is comprised of five different taxes which fund forest fire research protection and prevention. Historical rates can be see in the table below.

FOREST PRODUCTS HARVEST TAX					
Year	OSU Research	Protection Fund	Forest Practices	OFRI	Other
2015	\$0.8439	\$0.625	\$0.9727	\$0.99	\$0.10
2016	\$0.9000	\$0.625	\$1.1037	\$1.00	\$0.10
2017	\$0.9000	\$0.625	\$1.5661	\$1.04	\$0.10
2018	\$0.9000	\$0.625	\$1.5700	\$1.04	\$0.10