

SB 50 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Witt

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/23/19

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/16, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts from the Public Contracting Code contracts for the sale of timber from lands owned or managed by State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) or Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Increases the value of forest products offered for sale by OPRD that require a competitive bid process from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and exempts these sales from the Public Contracting Code. Establishes that measure applies to forest product sales occurring on or after operative date of January 1, 2020. Authorizes Commission and OPRD, prior to operative date of Act, to adopt rules. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Department of Forestry contracting process
- Barriers to forest thinning and stream restoration projects
- Additional requirements under Public Contracting Code

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Contracting Code (PCC) applies to state and local government agencies and public educational institutions when they are procuring goods and services or contracting for construction, engineering, and related services. The PCC was developed around six broad policy goals and consists of three chapters in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS): ORS 279A (policy for all contracting activities), ORS 279B (procurements of goods and services), and ORS 279C (construction as well as architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning, land surveying, and related services). Contracts for the sale of timber from lands owned or managed by the state Board of Forestry and Department of Forestry are exempt from the PCC.

ORS 390.121 requires the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to appraise forest products before offering the products for sale. If the appraisal exceeds \$15,000, OPRD is required to use a competitive bid process.

Senate Bill 50 A would exempt timber sale contracts on lands owned or managed by OPRD from the Public Contracting Code and increase the value of forest product sales by OPRD requiring a competitive bid process from \$15,000 to \$25,000.