

HJM 1 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/06/19

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, McKeown, McLain, Noble

Exc: 1 - Witt

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Frederick, Gelser

Exc: 2 - Bentz, Boquist

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges the President and Congress to enact the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on O&C lands

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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:

Nearly 53 percent of Oregon's land base is comprised of national forests, revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands (O&C lands), and other land owned by the federal government. These federally owned lands do not pay property taxes to support local government or schools. For many decades, timber sales on federal land resulted in shared federal timber receipts with Oregon. Reduced timber harvests have resulted in corresponding reduction in shared timber receipts, creating budget shortfalls for many counties and schools. The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act (FMRSA) introduced in the U.S. Senate would provide guaranteed annual payments to Oregon to support schools and counties.