

HB 4168 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds legislative findings on forest health and statutes regarding woody biomass to chapter regarding forestry administration.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires Governor to facilitate one or more mediation sessions between representatives of the forest industry and representatives of environmental interests in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding announced on February 10, 2020. Establishes notice procedures and requirements for State Forestry Department to allow certain persons to register to receive notices of proposed or scheduled pesticide applications by helicopter to forestland, and for operators, timber owners, or landowners proposing to conduct a pesticide application by helicopter to notice proposed, incomplete, and complete pesticide applications. Requires development of reporting system for required notices and establishes penalties for certain actions. Prohibits direct application of pesticide by helicopter within specified distances from a school, inhabited dwelling, water intake, or certain streams. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 526.277 and 526.280 were enacted into law by the Legislative Assembly but were not added to or made a part of ORS chapter 526 or any series therein by legislative action. House Bill 4168 adds ORS 526.277 and 526.280 to the statutory chapter relating to forestry administration.