

SB 335 -8 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 3/17, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Department of Forestry to study and make recommendations regarding the operation of the Oregon Board of Forestry to a natural resources committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-8 Replaces measure. Changes the requirement that not more than three appointed members of the Oregon Board of Forestry (Board) may receive any significant portion of their income directly from the forest products industry, to a limitation that not more than two members of the Board may have received an an income of \$10,000 or more, in any of the five years preceding Board appointment, from forestry enterprises or primary timber products-processing enterprises. Requires that at least one of those two members must have received those industry moneys exclusively from small woodlands of not more than 5,000 acres, provided there are two Board members that are recipients of industry moneys that surpass the average 15 percent threshold. Allows for all Board members serving on January 1, 2022, to continue to serve on the Board until the end of their term. On and after January 1, 2022, requires the Governor to make Board appointments and reappointments consistent with this Act.

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BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Forestry (Board) is a seven-member citizen board appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the senate. At least one appointed member must reside in each of the state's three major forest regions, the northern, southern, and eastern regions. No more than three appointed members may receive any significant portion of their income directly from the forest products industry. The term of office for Board members is four years and no member may serve more than two consecutive full terms. The State Forester is appointed by the Board and serves as secretary to the Board. The mission of the Board is to lead Oregon in implementing policies and programs that promote sustainable management of Oregon's public and private forests. Their primary responsibilities are to supervise all matters of forest policy within Oregon, appoint the State Forester, adopt rules regulating forest practices, and provide general supervision of the State Forester's duties in managing the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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