

HB 2087 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 5/30, 6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends three components of the Forest Products Harvest Tax for two years. These components fund the OSU Forest Research Lab, the administration of the Forest Practices Act, and professional forestry education at OSU. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How the harvest tax rate is calculated
- Activities supported by the tax

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The -1 amendment adjusts the rate in ORS 321.015(3); changing the rate per thousand board feet from 207.02 cents to 253.46 cents. The changed rate is required to support up to 40% of the budgeted expenditures for administration of the Forest Practices Act by the Oregon Department of Forestry based on projected harvest volumes as of 3/31/2023

BACKGROUND:

In prior sessions, this bill would be introduced with blanks for the changes to these tax rates. It would be heard in the House Revenue committee and then sent to Ways & Means where the tax rates would be determined. In 2022, the Legislature enacted HB 4055 which, in part, makes changes the process by which these tax rates are considered for changes.