74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session   **MEASURE:**   **HB 2068**
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY   **CARRIER:**   **Sen. Beyer**
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Adds the State Forester as a voting, ex-officio member of the Invasive Species Council. Directs the voting ex-officio members of the council to collectively appoint the eight additional members of the council.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- The increase in the number of invasive species of concern in Oregon
- Merits of adding the State Forester as a permanent member of the Council
- Forest landowners and their concern about invasive species

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: An invasive species is a non-native species whose introduction does or is likely to cause harm to the economy, environmental or human health. An invasive species can be a plant, animal or any other biologically viable species that enters an ecosystem beyond its native range.

The Invasive Species Council was first established by statute in 2001 (chapter 413, Oregon Laws 2001). According to the council website, the purpose of the Oregon Invasive Species Council is to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to keep invasive species out of Oregon and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of invasive species already established in Oregon. The current council membership includes representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Portland State University Center for Lakes and Reservoirs and Oregon Sea Grant. Each of these members appoints two additional council members. House Bill 2068 adds the State Forester as a voting, ex-officio member of the Invasive Species Council. The measure further directs the voting, ex-officio members of the council to collectively appoint the eight additional members of the council.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.