

**77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2013 REGULAR SESSION
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 2051 - A
CARRIER:**

REVENUE: Revenue Impact Statement Issued

FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Statement Issued

Action: Without Recommendation, with Amendments, be Printed Engrossed and be referred to Ways and Means

Vote: 8-0-1

Yeas: Bentz, Berger, Conger, Davis, Gelser, Read, Vega Pederson, Barnhart

Nays: 0

Exc.: Bailey

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Meeting Dates: 2/14, 5/24

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Extends privilege taxes on merchantable forest products harvested on forestlands. Will set harvest tax rates for calendar years beginning January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. Will set a rate for the purposes of administering the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Will set a rate for funds to be transferred into the Forest Research and Experiment Account.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rates yet to be established
- Beginning balance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Sets a rate at 97.27 cents for the administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Leaves the rate blank for the funds to the Forest Research and Experiment Account pending the budget process in the Ways and Means Committee.

BACKGROUND: Privilege taxes for the harvest of forest products go to the various accounts described above, for the purposes of forest management, fire suppression, forest research and experimentation, and administration and enforcement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Under current statute, rates of privilege tax for calendar year 2012 and 2013 are as follows:

87.39 cents per thousand board feet – Forest Research and Experiment Account to be used for the State Board of Higher Education to conduct research and experimentation programs and to operate the Forest Research Laboratory

62.5 cents per thousand board feet – Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund to be used for fire protection

\$1.2952 per thousand board feet – State Forestry Department Account for the state forester to administer the Oregon Forest Practices Act

The measure sets rates for the Forest Research and Experiment Account and the Administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

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