

**HB 2072 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**Action Date:** 04/03/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Tax Credits by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 6-1-2-0  
**Yeas:** 6 - Barnhart, Bentz, Helm, Johnson, Reschke, Smith DB  
**Nays:** 1 - Holvey  
**Exc:** 2 - Boone, Power  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Transfers authority for woody biomass portion of biomass production or collection tax credit from Oregon Department of Energy to Oregon Department of Forestry. Caps total amount of allowed tax credits for woody biomass at \$600,000 per year. Extends sunset for tax credit for all types of biomass production or collection until January 1, 2024.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of Oregon Department of Forestry in overseeing woody biomass portion of tax credit
- Emissions resulting from forest fires

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Transfers authority for woody biomass portion of biomass production or collection tax credit from Oregon Department of Energy to Oregon Department of Forestry. Caps total amount of allowed tax credits for woody biomass at \$600,000 per year.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's biomass producer or collector tax credit was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2007 to promote sustainable growth of the biofuels market in Oregon. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) accepts tax credit applications from applicants who collect or produce certain biomass material in Oregon that is delivered for use as feedstock for bioenergy or biofuel production in the state. ODOE issues a tax credit certificate to successful applicants, and certificate holders may with certain limitations sell the credit. Only entities with tax liability are eligible to apply, which excludes non-profits, tribes and public entities. Senate Bill 1507 (2016) extended the sunset for the tax credit for animal manure and rendering offal until 2022; the other biomass tax credits are set to expire on January 1, 2018.

House Bill 2072A would extend the sunset on all of the biomass tax credits until January 1, 2024 and transfer authority to the Oregon Department of Forestry for the woody biomass portion of the biomass producer or collector tax credit.