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Measure Description:

Requires Governor to review terms of Good Neighbor Authority Agreement.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Office of the Governor, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Forestry (ODF), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Lottery Funds	\$500,000	
General Fund	\$30,000	
Total Funds	\$530,000	\$0
Positions	0	
FTE	1.08	

Analysis:

Declares it is the policy of the state to pursue projects under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement (GNA) that increase timber harvest volume, contribute to job creation, reduce wildfire risks to all lands, improve wildlife habitat and watershed health, and stimulate local economies. Requires the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to work with federal land management agencies to give priority to projects that consist of additive activities, maximize economic benefit to Oregon, and recover state agency costs of project implementation.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) anticipates using the Lottery Funds (LF) to increase the hours of existing seasonal staff positions to perform timber sale layouts on GNA projects currently under development, design and implement internal processes to administer federal timber sales, and to train staff to conduct timber sales at an estimated total cost of \$125,000. An additional \$275,000 LF would be used to contract for environmental analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act to produce timber sales on federal land that ODF will administer under the GNA. ODF will transfer \$100,000 LF the Department of Fish and Wildlife to add staff capacity to develop GNA projects that benefit wildlife and fish habitat.

The Forest Working Group through Oregon Solutions at Portland State University anticipates that the work required under the measure would cost between \$30,000 to \$50,000 based on needing to hire additional staff to complete the work. ODF assumes that this cost will be in addition to the \$500,000 Lottery Fund allocation in the bill and that those funds would be passed-through ODF to PSU.

There is no fiscal impact to the Governor's Office or Department of Administrative Services.