

HB 2377 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$452,390 from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for payment to Douglas Timber Operators for purpose of implementing first phase of sediment study of lower Rogue River. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes requirement that appropriated moneys from General Fund be expended to Douglas Timber Operators to implement first phase of sediment study on lower Rogue River. Authorizes Douglas Timber Company to solicit bids and contract for implementation of first phase of sediment study of lower Rogue River at management cost no more than six percent of expenditures.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

-2 Removes requirement that appropriated moneys from General Fund for payment to Douglas Timber Operators for implementation of the first phase of a sediment study on lower Rogue River. Authorizes Douglas Timber Company to solicit bids and contract for implementation of first phase of sediment study of lower Rogue River at management cost no more than six percent of expenditures.

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2019 for Umatilla County to reimburse water right holders for increased pumping costs of surface water used in lieu of ground water.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

The Rouge River is located in southwestern Oregon and flows 215 miles.

Douglas Timber Operators (DTO), incorporated in 1968, represents more than 140 manufacturing, logging, trucking, and other businesses and private landowners in southwestern Oregon. According to the DTO website, the company promotes timber harvest and restoration; enhancement of healthy forests ecosystems; and fiscal and economic resiliency.

The United States Geological Survey and The Department of Environmental Quality collect sediment and water quality data in Oregon.

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House Bill 2377 would appropriate \$452,390 from the General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for payment to DTO for the purpose of implementing the first phase of a sediment study on the lower Rouge River, and declares a state of emergency, effective July, 1 2019.