

SB 544 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the State Forester to conduct an appraisal of state-owned forestland, and to offer the sale of its forest products, if that land is damaged by wildfire. Requires the appraisal and sale occur as soon as practicable after that wildfire is distinguished. Applies to state-owned forestland damaged by wildfire on or after January 1, 2022.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies the required appraisal will be conducted on the salvageable forest products on the state-owned forestland rather than on the forestland itself.

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FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 544 would require the State Forester to carry out the appraisal and sale of forest products on state-owned forestland that is damaged by a wildfire on or after January 1, 2022.