

HB 2795 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/6, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the State Forestry Department to facilitate projects pursued under the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement that reduce wildfire risks. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) allows the United States Forest Service (USFS) to enter into cooperative agreements with states so that states can perform forest management and watershed restoration services on National Forest System lands. A GNA Master Agreement between the USFS and State of Oregon was signed in March of 2016.

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