

HJM 3 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 5/10, 5/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges the United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

HOUSE FLOOR VOTE: 54-0-1-5

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 Urges the United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation promoting cooperative fuel load measurement and management on federal and state lands, and legislation that is based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020, excluding any provision that exempts forest management activities from environmental or administrative review, that could foreseeably compromise the ecological health of Oregon forests or that facilitates the exportation outside of the United States of unprocessed timber harvested from public lands.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 is a federal bill that was introduced in the U.S. Senate in August of 2020 to address wildfire preparedness and response. The Act provided federal agencies with new tools to reduce hazardous fuel loads on national forest lands, expedite wildfire detection equipment placement and related permitting, exclude certain forest management activities from environmental review requirements, authorize emergency determinations and actions, authorize export of salvage timber on certain lands, and support forestry jobs, biomass development, and energy resilience and efficiency practices. The measure was not enacted by the 2020 Congress.

House Joint Memorial 3 A would urge the United States Congress to introduce and pass, and the President to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020.