

## HB 3846 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes the Oregon Department of Forestry to enter into a lease agreement with the United States Forest Service or other relevant federal agency to assume management authority and responsibility for the Ochoco National Forest for no less than 15 years.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) mission is "to serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability."

The Ochoco National Forest is located in the geographic center of Oregon and headquartered in Prineville, Oregon. According to the United States Forest Service, 845,498 acres of land comprise the Forest, which is divided into three ranger districts: the Lookout Mountain, Paulina Ranger District, and Snow Mountain Ranger Districts.