

HB 3328 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds Grant County to the list of counties that can use money received from federal forest reserves to road and school funds, for the use of patrolling county roads. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: Minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allows the county to decide on the allocation
- Concerns that Grant County has less property tax revenue to pay for public safety
- Concerns that more people are accessing rural lands and more public safety services are needed

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes the declaration of emergency, takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

Under state law, all sums received by the state from the federal government as its share of the amounts collected for forest reserve rentals, sales of timber, and other sources from forest reserves within Oregon, must be distributed among the counties in which the forest reserves are located. State law requires that counties divide these funds, allocating 75 percent to the county's road fund and 25 percent to the school fund. Oregon Revised Statute 368.706 allows certain counties to use their road funds to support county law enforcement patrols.