

HB 2072 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/5, 6/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends the rates for three components of the Forest Products Harvest Tax for calendar years 2026 and 2027. Continues the rate that provides funds to the Forest Research and Experimentation Account to 90 cents per thousand board feet. Sets the rate that provides funds to the Oregon Department of Forestry for administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act to 265.44 cents per thousand board feet. Continues the rate that provides funds for professional forestry education at Oregon State University at 21 cents per thousand board feet. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die, and the rates take effect January 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How the harvest tax rate is calculated
- Activities supported by the tax
- The Department of Forestry's work with those impacted by the tax

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

No later than March 10th of odd-number years the legislative assembly revisits the forest harvest tax rates that are used to fund Oregon State University (OSU) forest research and experimentation programs and Forest Research Laboratory, the administration of the Forest Practices Act, and professional forestry education at OSU. For calendar years 2024 and 2025, the privilege harvest tax for OSU forest research and experimentation and Forest Research Laboratory was set to 90 cents per thousand board feet. The Forest Products Harvest Tax which provides funding for the Oregon Forest Practices Act was set to 253.46 cents per thousand board feet. The privilege harvest tax which provides funds for professional forestry education at OSU was set to 21 cents per thousand board feet.