

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2072

Relating to forest products harvest taxation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Owens

HB 2072 extends three components of the Forest Products Harvest Tax for the 2026 and 2027 calendar years. These components provide funding for the Oregon State University Forest Research Laboratory; administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act by the Department of Forestry; and professional forestry education at the OSU College of Forestry.

The measure also adjusts the tax rate of harvested forest product from 253.46 cents to 265.44 cents per thousand board feet. The adjusted rate is calculated to support up to 40% of the budget for administration of the Oregon Forest Practices Act based on projected harvest volumes. The new rate takes effect January 1, 2026. The tax rates for funding forest research; fire suppression; and forestry education remain unchanged at 90 cents, 62.5 cents, and 21 cents per thousand board feet, respectively.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2072 be reported out do pass.