

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

MEASURE: SB 26
CARRIER: Sen. Baertschiger Jr.

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/09/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/25, 03/09

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Baertschiger Jr, Hass, Riley

Nays: 1 - Boquist

Exc: 1 - Edwards

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals the sunset allowing the use of federal forest funds in the county road fund for patrolling.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The history of the issue and the counties that started it.
- How the funds have been used since the allowance been granted.
- Law enforcement need in absence of property tax rates.
- Property tax and the federal forests revenues and the lack permanent solutions.
- The need for other counties not included in the original 1997 measure.
- The expansion of the list, and need of law enforcement in the counties not in the list.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

SB 808 B of the 2007 session Enabled Douglas and Lane Counties to use monies described in ORS 294.060(1), for the purpose of patrolling county roads by law enforcement officials until January 2, 2014. In the 2011 session SB 443 extended the sunset to January 2, 2016. Ordinarily, the federal forest reserve moneys are split 25% for schools and 75% for the county road funds. HB 5175 A of the 2012 session made the language applicable to (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, and Linn) bringing the total to seven counties. This allowed for the federal money to be loaned by the rest of the counties to road patrols, but specifies that it needs to be budgeted and payable in three years after the end of the current year or the current budget.

The bill is permissive (enabling) legislation and does not impact state funds.