

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/21/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/12, 05/21

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Barnhart, Davis, Johnson, Lininger, Read, Smith Warner, Vega Pederson

Nays: 1 - Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Bentz

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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:

- Counties different needs.
- Federal money distribution.
- Which counties used which method and how much money.

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.