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House Bill 3210

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, LAND USE, AND WATER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires that annual timber harvest on state forestlands in each subject forest district equal, at minimum, specified percentage of annual amount of harvestable timber expected to be grown on state forestlands in district. Establishes alternative harvest amount.

Applies to timber harvest and harvestable timber growth in calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the amount of timber harvested from state forestlands; and declaring an emergency.
3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Except as provided under subsection (2) of this section, as part of man-
5 aging state forestlands under ORS 530.050 to secure the greatest permanent value of those
6 lands to the state, the State Forester shall manage forest districts so that the annual timber
7 harvest from state forestlands in each forest district, measured in million board feet, at a
8 minimum equals ~~85~~ ^{80%} percent of the annual amount of harvestable timber expected to be grown
9 on state forestlands in that district under ORS 527.610 to 527.770. As used in this subsection,
10 "forest district" means state forestland that as of January 1, 2015, was administered by the
11 State Forestry Department as the Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath-Lake, North Cascade,
12 Southwest Oregon, Tillamook, West Oregon or Western Lane district.

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~~13 (2) If harvesting from state forestlands in any forest district identified in subsection (1)
14 of this section cannot be conducted at a level that at a minimum equals 85 percent of the
15 annual amount of harvestable timber expected to be grown on state forestlands in that dis-
16 trict, the State Forester shall manage the state forestlands in the districts described in
17 subsection (1) of this section to produce a total timber harvest from state forestlands in
18 those districts that, measured in million board feet, at a minimum equals 85 percent of the
19 total annual amount of harvestable timber expected to be grown on state forestlands in those
20 districts under ORS 527.610 to 527.770.~~

21 (3) If state forestlands in a district described in subsection (1) of this section are ex-
22 changed for other lands, the acquired lands are subject to subsections (1) and (2) of this
23 section in the same manner and to the same extent that subsections (1) and (2) of this sec-
24 tion applied to the district state forestlands given in exchange.

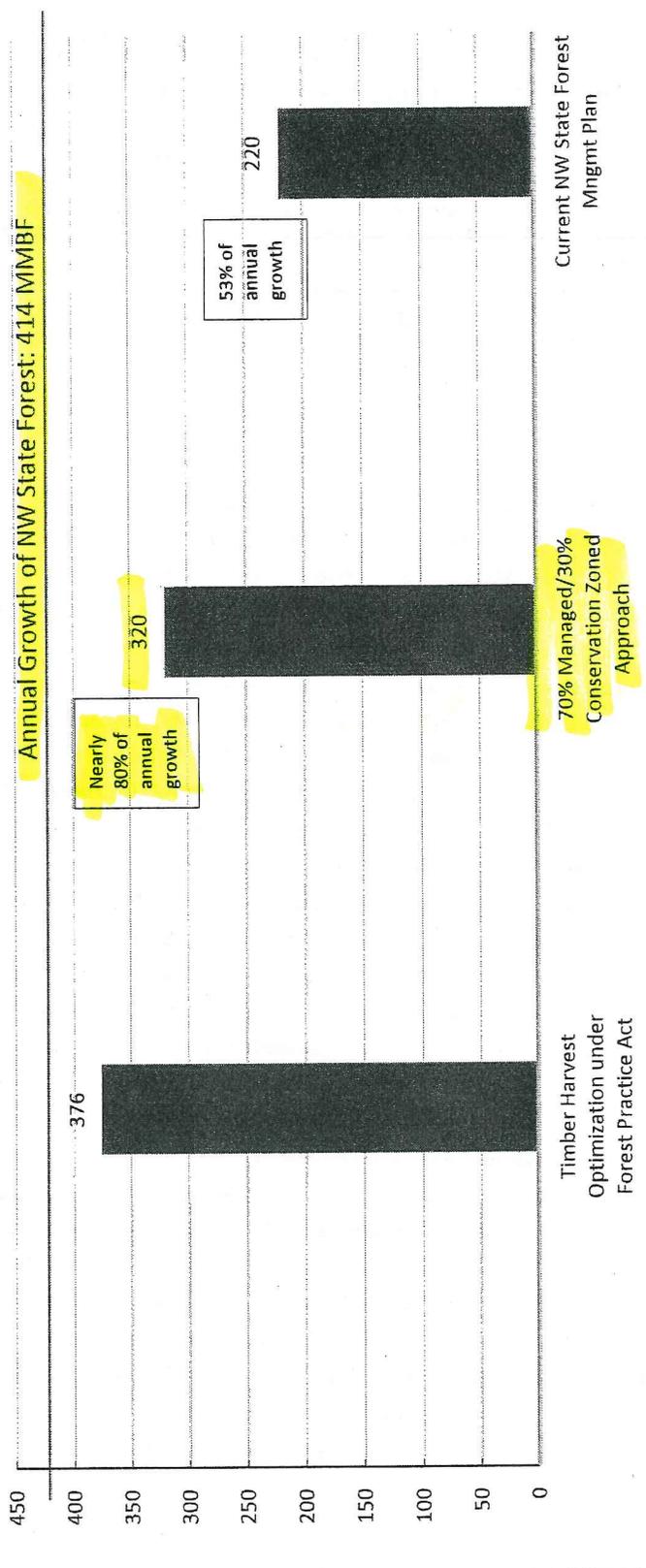
25 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to timber harvests and harvestable timber
26 growth in calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

27 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
28 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
29 on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.

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April 16, 2015

Honorable Brad Witt, Chair
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources
Room H-374 , State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 3210 – Relating to the amount of timber harvested from state forest lands

Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

The Board and Department of Forestry are committed to decisive action in creating a new management plan that improves the performance of state-owned forests in producing benefits for Oregonians. This science-based, public process seeks both to improve financial outcomes—placing the State Forests Division on sound footing while meeting economic and community needs—and conservation results.

Board and Department work underway right now includes analysis and modeling of a *land allocation approach*, which would designate about 70 percent of the acreage in the state forests of Northwestern Oregon for management that emphasizes timber production. About 30 percent would be managed with an emphasis on conservation.

We expect to more fully develop a new management plan in the coming months, with rulemaking—embedding the plan in Oregon’s administrative rules—beginning this fall. Implementation would begin in 2016.

State Forest management is a high priority for the Board and Department. By law, the Board of Forestry lands are managed to produce Greatest Permanent Value (GPV), defined as “healthy, productive and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon.” By definition, this requires the balancing of multiple interests. To that end, the current process has involved representatives from the counties, conservation community, timber industry, recreation groups, and the public at large.

We understand that there is high interest in the future management of these forests. However, we believe the Board of Forestry is the best forum for addressing the multiple values involved. We are concerned that House Bill 3210 would complicate this process and interfere with the Board’s current movement toward a new plan that meets Oregonians’ broad needs.

Again, the Board acknowledges the need for more dynamic and responsive approaches to managing state forests, and is working toward this goal. We believe that allowing the current process—with commitments as to its completion as scheduled—holds the greatest promise for a lasting solution that benefits all Oregonians.

We hope you find this information useful, and will consider it as the committee takes up House Bill 3210.

Sincerely,