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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive Board guidance on 2019 legislative concepts as they currently stand, and to seek Board approval to proceed with concept development in time for submission to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by the April 2018 deadline.

CONTEXT, BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Legislative concept development, a part of the Board's and Department's strategic planning cycle, begins in the fall of odd-numbered years. Agency-led legislative concepts may result in bills that will be introduced during the 2019 legislative session. The development of legislative concepts serves to seek authority to advance Board and Department goals, objectives and priorities, or to address current barriers resulting from current or lack of existing statutes.

At its January 2018 meeting, the Board set guiding principles related to development for 2019 legislative concepts, and approved an initial list of one concept – the Forest Products Harvest Tax (see below). This legislative concept has a fiscal impact to the Department and will also be coordinated with the development of the agency's 2019-2021 budget development process.

Legislative concepts advanced by state agencies for the 2019 Legislative Session are due to DAS in April 2018. Review at the highest level of the Executive Branch ensures alignment with statewide budget and policy considerations. The Governor's Office reviews and ultimately approves legislative concepts for the Executive Branch. Once approved, the Office of Legislative Counsel will draft bill language.

Legislative Concepts for 2019 Legislative Session

The following list, presented for Board consideration and discussion, represents preliminary thinking about possible 2019 concepts.

Fire Protection Division

- None

State Forests Division

- None

Private Forests Division

- **Forest Products Harvest Tax Rate.** Historically, legislation has been introduced each session to set tax rates for Forest Practices Act administration, support of the Oregon State University (OSU) Forest Research Laboratory, and professional forestry education at the College of Forestry, OSU. For the Department of Forestry, when combined with public funds (General Fund), the bill maintains the concept of shared responsibility for the Forest Practices program delivery between the general public and program recipients.

Administrative Services Division

- None

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Board approve the Forest Products Harvest Tax Legislative Concept and direct the Department to proceed with submitting the concept to the Department of Administrative Services.

NEXT STEPS

Based on Board guidance, staff will finalize and submit 2019 legislative concepts to the DAS.