

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
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Meeting Dates:	5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts the use of water by any entity from the requirements for water use application, permit or certificate under ORS 537.141 (1) (b) when it is used for non-emergency fire-fighting training,.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of emergency firefighting training exemption
- Oregon Military Department and Department of Forestry helicopter firefighting training

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Under ORS 537.141 (1) (b), the use of water for non-emergency firefighting training by a public fire department or rural fire protection district does not require a water right application, permit or certificate, provided that there is written approval from the watermaster in the district where the training will take place or if minimum notice is provided to the owners of stored water. The watermaster may condition the use to prevent injury to existing water right holders or to protect in-stream resources. There are a number of other entities who conduct annual firefighting training, including the Department of Forestry and the Oregon Military Department. House Bill 2100 extends the exemption to these additional groups, provided they comply with the existing watermaster approval or notice requirements.