

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Revenue by Prior Reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boquist, Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith P.
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases Emergency Fire Cost Committee fees from \$38.00 to \$47.50 for each improved lot or parcel. Increases Forest products harvest tax for fire suppression to not less than \$18.75. Modifies other assessments.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lloyds of London fire policy
- Breakdown of costs to landowners, state
- Rate impact on policy deductions
- Emergency Fire Cost Committee's ability to increase rates
- Catastrophic fires that require state funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Fire Land Protection Fund (OFLPF) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 1960 as a mechanism for landowners to pay for the costs of fighting wildfires that are beyond the capability of the local district protection efforts. The revenue sources for the OFLPF are an assessment on forestland ownership, a surcharge on improved lots, and a forest products harvest tax. The Emergency Fire Cost Committee supervises and controls the distribution of monies from the fund, with an aim to balance protection costs to forest landowners from region to region.