

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/16, 3/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes that State Forester shall serve as Governor's authorized representative for the purpose of initiating fire management assistance declaration process with Federal Emergency Management Agency and administer Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Past ten years 22 fires have been eligible for FMAG, totaling \$38 million in suppression cost recovery
- Department of Forestry has performed these duties without clear legislative authority since 2001

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

**BACKGROUND:** ORS 401 currently states that the Director of the Office of Emergency Management shall serve as the Governor's authorized representative for coordination of certain response activities and managing recovery processes. The Governor's authorized representative is primarily a requirement for execution of federal disaster assistance funds, regardless of their nature.