

HB 3006 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Forestry to establish list of Oregon-based contract firefighting companies and dispatch resources of those contract companies prior to obtaining resources from federal agencies.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is currently tasked with the management of wildland fires throughout the State of Oregon. During 2016, ODF managed 831 fires encompassing over 50,000 acres. ODF was able to complete this task through the contracting of 46 private wildland firefighter companies.

House Bill 3006 would require ODF to create a list of private wildland firefighters companies, and prioritize Oregon-based companies to receive contracts prior to seeking federal relief.