

## HB 4152 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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**Action Date:** 02/15/18

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to issue grants to sheriffs' offices in Multnomah and Hood River counties in the amount of \$151,000 for expenses related to wildfire recovery, mitigation, and preparedness. Permits grant funds to be allocated for equipment and training related to prevention and assessment of wildfire mitigation and search and rescue. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of the Eagle Creek Fire on Multnomah and Hood River counties

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies grant amounts provided to sheriffs' offices to \$151,000. Replaces allowance for "unmanned aerial vehicles" with "poles, helmets, and helmet lamps."

#### BACKGROUND:

In the late Summer of 2017, the Eagle Creek Fire burned through 48,831 acres in the Columbia River Gorge region of Oregon. First responders, including local sheriffs' offices, took part in emergency response efforts. House Bill 4152A provides grants of \$151,000 to sheriffs' offices who took part in the wildfire fighting efforts.