

# House Bill 2927

# Taskforce Update

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# History & OSFM Structure

- 1993 OSFM placed under authority of OSP
- Current Structure places OSFM as a Bureau within OSP
- A few factors in the past 2 decades led to a shift:
  - Population growth
  - Acute increased risk to Oregonians
  - Community changes translating to a need for new codes
- Alignment with other agencies who have dismantled their integrated Public Safety Services model.



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# The Taskforce

- **2017** - Bipartisan work began, seeking a model to allow fire service and law enforcement to focus on individual service deliveries and training.
- **2020** - Pandemic, civil unrest, and devastating wildfires underscored the need for separation.
- **June 26, 2021** - HB 2927 passed with direction for a Task Force on Implementation to recommend whether the SFM should be made an independent agency, and if not, which agency should house the SFM.
- **July 14, 2021** - Implementation Task Force affirmed the decision to create an independent agency and began drafting a report of its recommendation.

# House Bill 2927 Taskforce Timeline





# Rationale

- Greater Responsibilities added with new legislation
- Staffing has increases in both agencies
- Infrastructure needs are different
- Equitable representation
- Needs for Autonomy
- Agency responsibility and accountability