FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Provides that spread of fire in forestland across ownership boundary does not constitute prima facie evidence of fire burning uncontrolled if owners or operators of forestland on both sides of ownership boundary agree in advance to conduct prescribed fire.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry (ODF)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds	\$243,717	\$254,197
Total Funds	\$243,717	\$254,197
Positions	1	1
FTE	1.00	1.00

Analysis: The measure directs the Board of Forestry to clarify rules related to cross boundary prescribed fire and permitting, requires the Board to establish and adopt rules for a Certified Burn Manager program, and report to the legislature.

Oregon Department Forestry (ODF) anticipates needing one Natural Resource Specialist 4 (1.00 FTE) for program oversight, development, and implementation

The General Fund appropriation in the bill is currently blank.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.