

HOUSE BILL 5701 UPDATE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES



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MISSION & AUTHORITY

Oregon State Fire Marshal

To protect people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 336, 453, 470, 476, 478, 479, 480

Oregon Department of Forestry

To serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

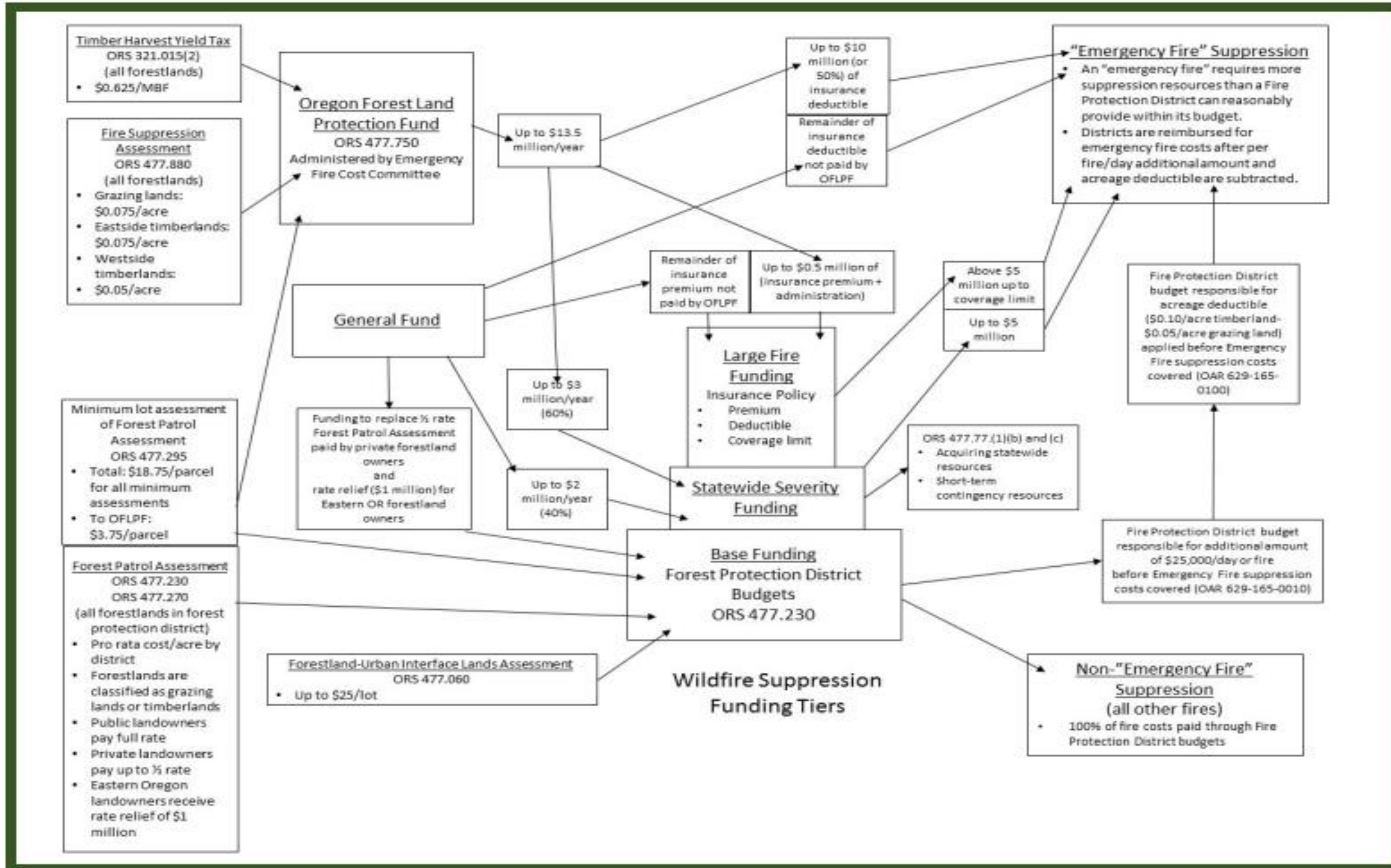
Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 477, 478, 526, 527, 530, 532



FUNDING STRUCTURE

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY





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BUDGET NOTE #5

The ODF and the OSFM are directed to work in partnership to convene a workgroup to identify options for sustainably funding wildfire mitigation, suppression and mobilizations, land classification, and managing the intersection between forest land protection districts and structural fire protection districts. ODF must procure a third-party contractor to continue facilitated conversations to explore wildfire funding strategies within the context of Oregon's overall public finance strategy, as recommended in the November 2019 Governor's Council on Wildfire Response Report and Recommendations. At minimum, the workgroup shall include a wide range of stakeholders representing landowners, local fire agencies, Oregon Tribes, conservation groups, agency partners, and impacted industries. Additionally, the workgroup shall regularly engage with the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council.

The agencies will present a report on the workgroup's progress to the December 2024 meeting of the Emergency Board and to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2025 legislative session. At minimum, the progress report shall include a list of alternative funding strategies along with the following information for each strategy:

1. A description of the strategy.
2. Identification of the barriers to implementation.
3. Identification of the sustainability risks.
4. Estimate of the fiscal and revenue impact.



OREGON WILDFIRE FUNDING WORKGROUP

MEMBER & VISION

Purpose Statement: Leverage existing work and established programs to develop solutions around durable, sustainable funding through collaborative and supported decisions.

Represented organizations:

- Oregon Wheat Growers League
- Oregon Fire Marshals Association
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- Consumers Power Inc.
- ODF's Emergency Fire Cost Committee
- American Lung Association
- Oregon Wild
- Special Districts Association of Oregon
- Sustainable Northwest
- Giustina Land & Timber Co.
- Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
- Oregon Fire District Directors Association

Ex-Officio:

- Legislative Fiscal Office
- Chief Financial Office
- Dept of Consumer & Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation
- Higher Education Coordinating Council
- Oregon Board of Forestry
- Public Utilities Commission

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Oregon League of Cities
- Green Diamond
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- NW Insurance
- The Nature Conservancy of Washington
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Siletz Tribe
- Wildfire Programs Advisory Council
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Operating Forest Protective Association
- Warm Springs Tribe
- Grand Ronde Tribe
- Klamath Tribes
- Association of Oregon Counties

Legislative Ex-Officio

- Senator Jeff Golden
- Senator Fred Girod
- Representative Bobby Levy
- Representative John Lively



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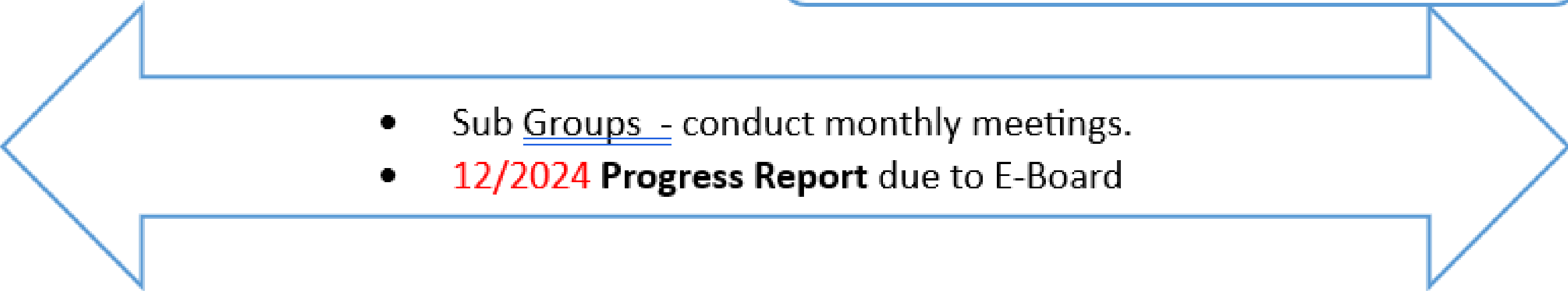
MEETING STRUCTURE

2024

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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6/3 Budget Note 5 Committee Meeting

Budget Note 5 Committee - Monthly Meetings





OREGON WILDFIRE FUNDING WORKGROUP

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Vision for the future

- Agency financial solvency is a must
- Statewide funding solutions that recognize benefits to all Oregonians
- Wildfire mitigation, readiness and response funding solutions should be stable, sustainable, equitable and long term
- Oregon's complete and coordinated system leads the nation in effective fire response