

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 25: Department of Forestry and Department of the State Fire Marshal Wildfire Funding Workgroup

To: Emergency Board
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee received a report from the Department of Forestry and the Department of the State Fire Marshal on the progress of the Wildfire Funding Workgroup.

As directed by a budget note in SB 5701, the Department of Forestry and the Department of the State Fire Marshal were directed 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.

The agencies jointly presented a preliminary progress report to the Subcommittee on status and next steps for the workgroup. More details and information will be provided in the next report, to be delivered to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2025 legislative session.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report from the Department of Forestry and the

Department of the State Fire Marshal on the progress of the Wildfire Funding Workgroup.