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I urge you to support HB3523 to help victim's of wild fire damage to recover from losses incurred from fire. I am a victim of the Archie Creek fire. Many people lost everything through no fault of their own. Since the responsible party causing the fire failed to admit to causing the disaster, turning to the court for judgement and compensation is the victims only redress. Upon securing a financial judgement and paying for attorney fees the victims hope to have the resources to rebuild homes or businesses, compensate for timber loss including immature timber not ready for harvest. Damages to infrastructure, like fencing, and other losses. If the state then comes along and taxes these victims leaving them with insufficient funds to recover how is that fair? Why will the state take awarded judgement for damages away from the victims? Talk about kicking people when they are down! Would you like to be treated with that level of cold heartedness? Do the right thing and pass HB3523.