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Bill Title: Relating to fire protection; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Forestry

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure authorizes the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to control and regulate the disposal and access to motor vehicles and other equipment used by the Department. It also allows ODF to provide funding to Rangeland Protection Associations (RPAs) for firefighting and rangeland fire readiness and must assist RPAs with pursuing federal grant funding for volunteers.

Additionally, the measure creates the Rangeland Protection Association Fund within the State Treasury to be separate and distinct from the General Fund. The fund will consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for deposit into the fund as well as any other moneys deposited, allocated, or transferred. The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to ODF to carry out the acts of the measure.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is indeterminate for ODF and dependent on the funding source and amount to provide RPAs with funding for firefighting activities.

The measure establishes the Rangeland Protection Association Fund without providing an identified source of revenue to fund the measures requirements. Absent sufficient revenue available for the fund, the activities required by the measure may not be carried out, in full or in part, during the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Department of the State Fire Marshal.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.