

Senate Bill 861

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes changes related to funding for fighting fires. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.7).

Makes certain changes related to the State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund.

Instructs the Department of the State Fire Marshal to report on certain amounts and expenditures on or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to firefighting costs; creating new provisions; amending ORS 476.565; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that, as a matter of statewide concern, it is in the best
5 interest of the people of this state to adequately fund emergency fire protection services, including
6 emergency mobilization and pre-positioning activities; and

7 Whereas the Legislative Assembly intends to appropriate moneys to the Department of the State
8 Fire Marshal in an amount equal to the amount requested in the department's agency request
9 budget; now, therefore,

10 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

11 **SECTION 1.** ORS 476.565 is amended to read:

12 476.565. (1)(a) The State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund is established in the State Treasury,
13 separate and distinct from the General Fund.

14 (b) The State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund consists of moneys appropriated by the Legislative
15 Assembly for deposit in the fund, grant funds received by the Department of the State Fire Marshal
16 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other moneys appropriated, allocated, de-
17 posited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise, **including other grant**
18 **funds, reimbursements and moneys received from judgments and settlements.**

19 (c) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the department for eligible mobilization
20 costs incurred by the department and reimbursements pursuant to ORS 476.560.

21 (2) As used in this section, "eligible mobilization costs" means expenses incurred for emergency
22 mobilization and pre-positioning activities in Oregon.

23 **SECTION 2.** **On or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of the**
24 **State Fire Marshal shall report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, or to the in-**
25 **terim Joint Committee on Ways and Means, on:**

26 (1) **The amounts appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the State Fire Mar-**
27 **shal Mobilization Fund, from any source, on or after July 1 of the previous odd-numbered**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 year; and

2 (2) Actual and anticipated expenditures from the fund on or after July 1 of the previous
3 odd-numbered year.

4 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
6 on its passage.

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