House Bill 3213

Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

Rural Fire Protection District

- ORS 478
- Assembled for the purpose of providing fire suppression
- Community also expects other services:
 - Emergency Medical Response
 - Technical Rescue Response
 - Hazardous Materials Response
- Very common model in Oregon
- Forestland is exempted within an RFPD

Forest Land Defined

- · ORS 526.005
- "Forestland" means any woodland, brushland, timberland, grazing land or clearing that, during any time of the year, contains enough forest growth, slashing or vegetation to constitute, in the judgment of the forester, a fire hazard, regardless of how the land is zoned or taxed.















What is the problem?

- Early statue modification
- Language in 478 does not apply to municipal or private fire departments or county service districts
- Creates patchwork of "protection"
- Creates equity issues
- Wildland fires make up a very small percentage of service demand

Examples of Problem

Lane County















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Why it is important

- Increased development in forestland designated areas
- Continued large fire predictions
- Fire loss and insurance costs for these fires are dramatically increasing
- Creates equity and allows for comprehensive emergency services protection within the RFPD

The solution- HB 3213

- Allows for protection resource integration from the local level through the federal level
- Eliminates the inequity
- Allows an RPFD to fully apply and collect revenue for service provisions expected
- Allows all fire service protection models to be treated the same