

SJM 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Urges the U.S. President and Congress to establish and fund a federal system to fully reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results from the spreading of wildfires that originate on federal lands.

Senate vote: Adopted. Ayes, 29; Nays, 1-Heard

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Approximately 60 percent of Oregon forestland is owned by the federal government, with the U.S. Forest Service owning most of those federal lands, followed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service. Many wildfires in Oregon originate on those federal lands, including 15 of the recent 16 megafires.

Senate Joint Memorial 3 would urge the U.S. President and Congress to establish and fund a federal system to fully reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results from the spreading of wildfires that originate on federal lands.