

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3160 - 4

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Wildfire Preparedness and Community Protection Fund and directs State Fire Marshal, State Forestry Department and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to make expenditures from fund for various activities related to restoration, protection and recovery from wildfires.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Revenue to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes the Oregon Wildfire Preparedness and Community Protection Fund. At the written request of the State Fire Marshal, moneys from the balance available in the fund are to be transferred in accordance with specified allocations on August 1 of each year:

- 50% to the State Fire Marshal to use or expend as grants, to assist communities in preparing for and protecting against wildfires, to fund full-time firefighters, and to develop and implement community wildfire protection plans or programs;
- 25% to the Oregon Department of Forestry to restore landscape resiliency, reduce hazardous fuel levels, and provide forest management to reduce vulnerability to wildfires; and,
- 25% to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to conduct or fund natural area recovery activities in areas that have been subjected to wildfires.

This measure includes a \$45.0 million General Fund appropriation to implement this measure.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required