

HB 3160 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

Action Date: 05/27/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Levy, Marsh, Nathanson, Pham, Reschke, Smith G, Valderrama

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/10, 5/25, 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides a \$45 million appropriation to the State Fire Marshall from the General Fund for the purposes outlined within the bill. Establishes The Oregon Wildfire Preparedness and Community Protection Fund (OWPACPF). Requires State Fire Marshall provide written request for State Treasurer to transfer funds on August 1 of each year in accordance with the appropriations outlined in statute. Establishes funds for allocations outlined in statute. Continuously appropriates moneys from the OWPACPF as follows: 50% of the fund to the State Fire Marshall Fund, 25% to the State Forestry Department Account, and 25% to the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund. Requires agencies receiving transfers from the OWPACPF to keep records of all transfers. Allows for moneys from the OWPACPF to be invested in the same manner as other state funds and requires any interest earned be deposited into the fund. Requires spending from the fund to occur as described in the appropriations in statute unless a gift or donation was provided with a condition related to the specified use of the gift.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs to homeowners
- Other sources of fire related funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes surcharge on insurance premiums from the bill. Provides a \$45 million appropriation to the State Fire Marshall from the General Fund for the purposes outlined within the bill. Requires State Fire Marshall provide written request for State Treasurer to transfer funds on August 1 of each year in accordance with the appropriations outlined in statute. Establishes funds and continuously appropriates moneys from the OWPACPF as follows: 50% of the fund to the State Fire Marshall Fund, 25% to the State Forestry Department Account, and 25% to the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund. Allows agencies receiving transfers from the fund to use funds to cover administrative costs. Caps administrative costs at 10% of the balance of the fund on August 1 of each year.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's 2020 fire season saw destruction of homes, properties, and lives. HB 3160 develops the Oregon Wildfire Preparedness and Community Protection Fund to address future fire season preparations.