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Written testimony opposing the fund shift in the Admin Pro-Rate, Senate Bill 5518

Our company provides in-kind resources every year on fires. Giustina Resources is a great example of what the “in-kind resources” industry does for each other and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Private timber companies are part of the complete and coordinated system. Giustina Resources and our contractors have training every year with ODF to help fire prevention in the forest. We keep our fire equipment ready to help with all fires in all areas when needed. We keep radio systems and other technology up to date to be able to communicate with ODF offices on fires. I personally keep my national fire qualifications up to date each year. I originally received these qualifications as a fire manager at ODF after 11 years with the agency. When a wildland fire breaks out the private timber industry jumps in to action. This was very true on the 2020 Labor Day fires. Private sector provided over 750 trained personal and over 350 high valued fire equipment to help get these fires under control.

This admin cost has been funded 100% since 1995. This was funded through the general fund, recognizing private timber companies “in-kind resources” and contributions. This funding shift would not only fail to recognize the real cost landowners incur to make resources available but would also increase the per acre assessments and would not provide any additional resources at the state level.

Please oppose this change.

Thank you,

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