

## **SB 579 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 3/4, 3/18

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates \$950,000 from the General Fund to the State Fire Marshal for distribution to Central Douglas Fire and Rescue to add living quarters to the Umpqua fire station. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Umpqua Community College fire science programs
- Additional housing would allow for volunteer and student staffing to be available during wildfire season
- Fire science students at Umpqua Community College
- Decrease response time to fires

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Central Douglas Fire & Rescue serves approximately 150 square miles within Douglas County, Oregon. The Umpqua station does not currently house living quarters for firefighters and support staff.