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Bill Title: Relating to reducing wildfire risk; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Forestry, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 15,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	-	-

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Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$10 million General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for Oregon Conservation Corps grant-supported projects and an additional \$5 million General Fund to match non-state contributions in the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure directs HECC to incorporate additional coordination and oversight requirements in administering the Oregon Conservation Corps Program grant process. HECC must consult with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) to ensure grant funds are awarded to projects that protect at-risk communities and infrastructure within the wildland-urban interface. Additionally, HECC must consult with ODF to ensure funded proposals comply with established fuel treatment standards and consult with DSFM to align Oregon Conservation Corps supported projects with fire prevention and safety objectives. The measure clarifies ODF is to provide public notice and allow for public input when selecting landscapes for wildfire risk reduction projects.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is a one-time appropriation of \$15 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

The fiscal impact for HECC is \$15 million General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium. These funds will be deposited in the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund and are continuously appropriated to HECC for purposes related to the Oregon Conservation Corps Program, including administrative expenses. HECC is responsible for administering

the grant process and consulting with ODF and DSFM. The administrative responsibilities associated with distributing these funds can be absorbed within existing resources; however, HECC will require additional expenditure limitation to utilize the funding deposited in the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund.

Other entities

The measure is anticipated to have no or minimal impact for the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Department of the State Fire Marshal.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.