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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 11, 2025
Subject: HB 3349 – Relating to fire protection
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3349 authorizes the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to control and regulate the disposal and access to motor vehicles and other Department equipment. This includes the transfer of depreciated firefighting vehicles, equipment and supplies to Rangeland Protection Associations. The measure clarifies language to allow ODF to assist the associations with maintaining firefighting vehicles, supplies and equipment. The bill also allows ODF to purchase, dispose of, or contract for good and services either jointly with the associations, or separately.

The measure allows ODF to provide funding to the Rangeland Protection Associations for firefighting and fire readiness; and directs ODF to assist the associations with pursuing federal grant funding for volunteers.

HB 3349 creates the Rangeland Protection Association Fund, which is continuously appropriated to ODF to provide funding to the associations for firefighting and rangeland fire readiness; federal grant pursual; and the transfer of depreciated assets to the associations, as described.

The proposed –A2 amendment provides a one-time appropriation of \$1 million General Fund for deposit into the Rangeland Protection Association Fund and provides a commensurate amount of Other Funds expenditure limitation to spend monies deposited into the fund.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the – A2 amendment to HB 3349. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3349, as amended by the –A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3349, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____