

**SB 861 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Girod

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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**Action Date:** 03/13/25

**Action:** Do pass and requesting subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Prozanski, Taylor

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/4, 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure includes grant funds, reimbursements, and moneys received from judgements and settlements as funds in the State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund. It requires that the Department of the State Fire Marshal submit a report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on the amounts in the fund and expenditures from the fund on or before March 31 of each odd numbered year. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Federal Emergency Management Agency funds
- Expanding ability for new funding sources

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State Fire Marshal Mobilization Fund, established by House Bill 3484 (2023) is a dedicated account in the State Treasury, separate from the General Fund, consisting of money appropriated by the Legislative Assembly, federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other funds. The fund is used to cover eligible mobilization costs incurred by the Department of the State Fire Marshal (Department) for emergency mobilization and pre-positioning activities in Oregon, as well as reimbursements related to fire-fighting efforts. The fund operates with continuous appropriation, and the Department must request an appropriation for the fund each biennium; additionally, on July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the fund balance is transferred to the General Fund.