

SB 579 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Action Date: 03/18/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

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

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 3/18

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Umpqua Community College fire science programs and students
- Additional housing would allow for volunteer and student staffing to be available during wildfire season
- Decreased 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 have living quarters for firefighters and support staff.