

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 454

Ordered by the Senate June 4
Including Senate Amendments dated June 4

Sponsored by Senator WEBER; Senator STARR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates an advice group to review rural fire services and give advice on funding. The Act starts when signed and sunsets on 1/2/2027. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.0).

[Digest: The Act would require a study of the revenue of rural fire protection districts in this state. The Act would require a report to be submitted next year. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).]

[Requires the Legislative Revenue Officer to study the revenue of rural fire protection districts in this state. Directs the officer to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue no later than September 15, 2026.]

Requires the Department of the State Fire Marshal to establish an advisory committee to advise the department on funding for rural fire protection districts. Directs the advisory committee to conduct a review of specified topics and develop recommendations for funding rural fire protection districts to ensure adequate and sustainable services. Requires the advisory committee to report to the Legislative Assembly on or before December 31, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the revenue of rural fire protection districts; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of the State Fire Marshal shall establish an advisory committee to advise the department on funding for rural fire protection districts.

(2) The advisory committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of:

(a) The services provided by rural fire protection districts.

(b) Funding mechanisms available to rural fire protection districts.

(c) Funding limitations applicable to rural fire protection districts.

(3) Based on the comprehensive review described in subsection (2) of this section, the advisory committee:

(a) Shall develop recommendations for funding rural fire protection districts that ensure adequate and sustainable services.

(b) May not develop recommendations to amend ORS 478.010 (2)(c).

(4) On or before December 31, 2026, the advisory committee shall report, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to a subcommittee or interim subcommittee of the Legislative Assembly related to public safety on:

(a) The results of the comprehensive review described in subsection (2) of this section; and

(b) The recommendations developed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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