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On Behalf Of:

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Committee Chair and members of the committee,

Oregon faces an increasingly severe wildfire crisis, and we urgently need dedicated funding to protect our communities and natural resources. This bill provides a sustainable funding mechanism by placing a surcharge on beverage containers, a product that contributes to waste and often involves unhealthy consumption. As wildfires intensify, proactive prevention and robust response capabilities are paramount. Given the health concerns associated with many sugary beverages, it is reasonable to allocate a portion of their sales towards mitigating wildfire impacts. This bill is a necessary and responsible step to safeguard Oregon's future.

Sincerely,

Leslie Fager