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I OPPOSE [SJR 11] as written.

Must the Legislature first create, "The Wildfire Fund which is separate and distinct from the GENERAL FUND?"

How much Lottery Money is the initial budget allocation? Will future allocations be monthly, yearly?

The nebulous uses in, "...The moneys in the wildfire fund may be used for purposes related to the prevention, suppression or management of wildfires in Oregon."

There are no distinct plans on how the "Wildfire Fund" will be used. The term, "...for purposes related..." can be interpreted numerous ways or for 'whatever' the Legislature wants.

[SJR 11] gives the appearance of the creation of a RESTRICTED USE FUND, using Lottery proceeds as a source of revenue for, "The Wildfire Fund" but there is 'No' guarantee the Legislature might 'dip into it' from time to time to fund 'pet projects'.

There must be 'iron-clad' protections on "The Wildfire Fund" from 'Legislative reallocations'.

How many of the 'Wildfires' have their origins on Federal Lands?

Let the Voters decide on a tightly worded "Wildfire FUND" with the necessary protections that prevent the Legislature for not using the money for any purpose for which is to be created.

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