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As Oregon faces increasingly frequent and devastating wildfires, the need for robust funding for fire prevention and suppression has never been more pressing. This bill reinstates the timber severance tax, ensures that all timber harvesters contribute equitably to forest management, and protects small woodland owners from shouldering an unfair financial burden as they have been doing for many years. The bill allocates one-third of the revenue from the severance tax to the Oregon State Fire Marshal, which will greatly facilitate the ability to prevent and manage wildfire. This legislation also provides essential resources for community wildfire prevention, resilience programs, and more sustainable forestry practices.

Please support HB 3489-1. Thank you.