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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 454  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB454

I OPPOSE [SB 454].

From the TEXT of [SB 454], "...SECTION 1. The Legislative Revenue Officer shall conduct a study of the revenue of rural fire protection districts in this state. The officer shall submit a report of findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to revenue in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2026. SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027."

[SB 454] is a good idea and the concept of the state of "...revenue of rural fire protection districts..." is overdue, considering wildfires are unfortunately, a seasonal occurrence.

[SB 454] requires a professional report using significant resources defined in [ORS 192.245].

[ORS 192.245]: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_192.245#text-pane](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_192.245#text-pane)

Unfortunately, [SB 454] has 'No' budget allocation(s) and the funding source(s) are not identified.

[SB 454] is thus, incomplete and therefore incompetent and should be rejected and denied.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "You will, quickly realize [the] "... revenue of rural fire protection districts in this state..." is sorely inadequate and even worse, an analytical indicator as to the congenital incompetence of the Legislature.

\*Rural Fire Protection Districts should have their own "RESTRICTED USE FUND" continuously budgeted by the Legislature (as needed) and or consolidated with existing Fire Departments, without loss of Firefighter positions and equipment when feasible.

\*The status of Rural Fire Protection Districts is a definitive economic issue affecting all rural property owners and rural residents who are experiencing higher Fire Insurance Premiums and or being unable to obtain Fire Insurance. The aforementioned issues are avoidable inflationary pressures on the economy.

\*There are a plethora of additional economic, conservation and climate issues

directly related to poorly-funded Rural Fire Protection Districts."