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I OPPOSE [HB 3984].

One would think, if just for a moment, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) would have already have conducted such a study but, I guess they have not.

I believe there needs to be a "regime change" for "cause" at the PUC.

The PUC should be "booted" because the PUC does not have a current and or ongoing Wildfire study.

From the Text of [HB 3984], "SECTION 1. The Public Utility Commission shall study wildfires. The commission shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2026."

A professional study under the auspices of [ORS 192.245] will have a significant cost.

The absence of any budget allocation and identity of funding source(s) and who is going to pay for the "study" is unacceptable.

Who pays for the study, the Taxpayers or the Rate Payers?

Oregon is a "Welfare State" meaning the cost of [HB 3984] will not be borne "equally" amongst everyone.

[HB 3984] gets worse. Note the other piece of Legislation on today's docket [SB 174 A].

[HB 3984] is incomplete and as such, should be rejected and denied with extreme prejudice.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "Remember rural Oregonian property owners who lost fire insurance and those who cannot even get fire insurance for their homes. Or, is [HB 3984] and [SB 174 A] a contrivance to depopulate rural Oregon by depressing property values due to wildfires and the lack of affordable and or available fire insurance?"

