



2522 Taskforce Overview

Prepared for 454 Advisory Committee (2026)

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HB 2522 (2023)

Establish RFPD Review

- 2522 Passed in 2023 Legislative Session.
- Required review of ORS Chapter 478 “Rural Fire Protection Districts”.
- Required recommendations to modernize fire protection.
- Report due to Legislature by Sept 15, 2024.





2522 Taskforce

Timeline & Process

- Taskforce began October 2023 as a subcommittee of GFSPC
- Chief Rodger Johnson served as Taskforce Chair
- Focus on policy (not funding)
- Provide recommendations to legislature on:
 - modernize and improve RFPDs
 - make operations more efficient



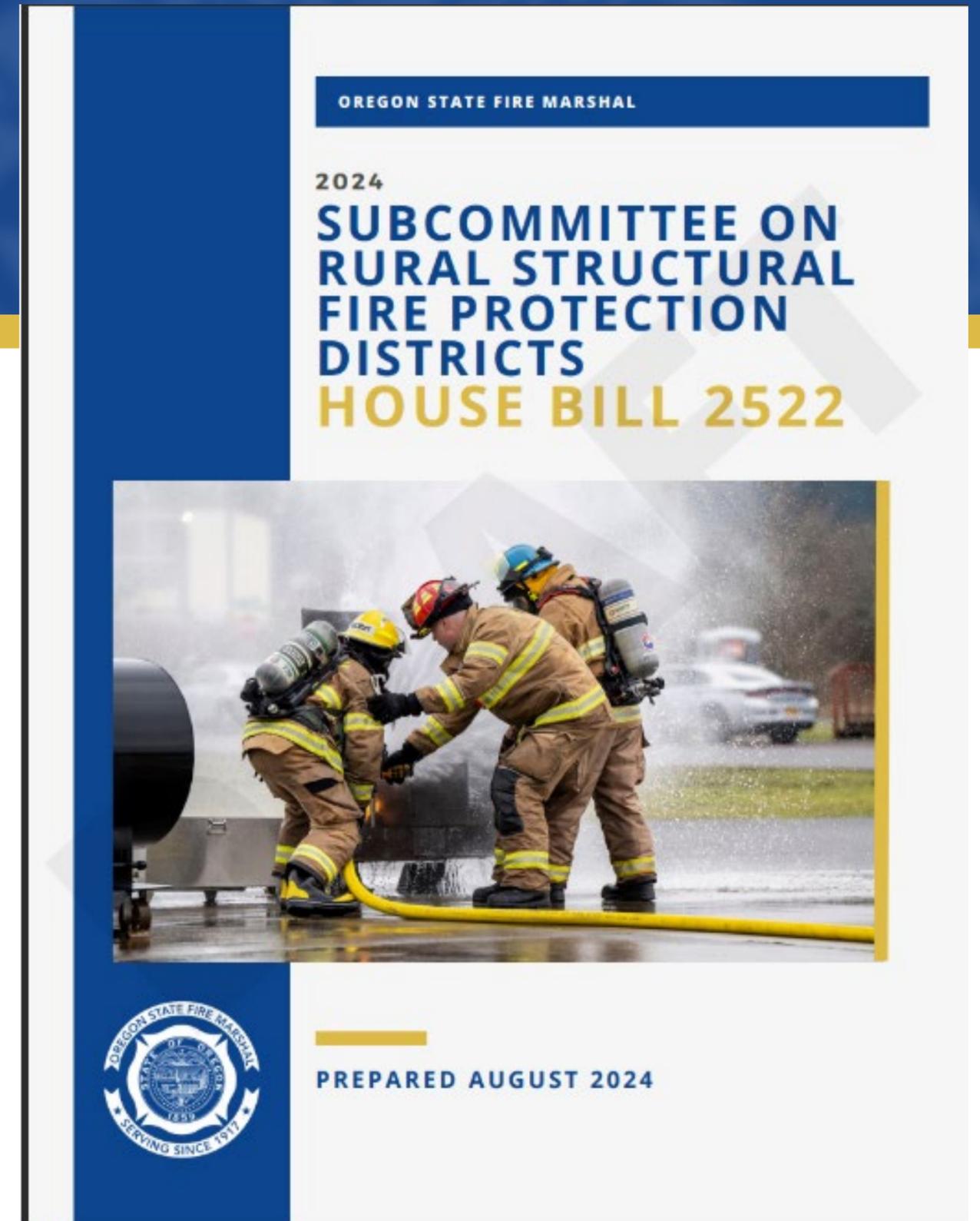
2522 Taskforce Membership

- Roger Johnson, Sisters Camp Sherman Fire Chief, task force chair
- Christopher Griffin, Tangent Rural Fire District Chief
- Genoa Ingram, Oregon Fire District Directors Association Executive Director
- Mike Cook, Chiloquin Fire & Rescue Chief
- Irik Rinnert, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council District Vice President
- Brian Stewart, Clackamas Fire District Assistant Chief
- Mike Hussey, Jackson County Fire District #3 Chief
- Ben Stange, Polk County Fire District 1 Fire Chief
- Ty Darby, McMinnville Fire District Assistant Chief Fire Marshal
- Kevin Cameron, Marion County Commissioner
- James Cleavenger, Oakridge City Administrator
- Karl Koenig, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council President
- Travis Medema, Oregon State Fire Marshal Chief Deputy
- Mariah Rawlins, Oregon State Fire Marshal Assistant Chief Deputy



2522 Taskforce The Final Report

- 10 months of taskforce meetings.
- Taskforce completed Report August 2024.
- Approved by GFSPC by unanimous consent.
- Report included recommendations for:
 - Administrative fixes
 - ORS fixes
 - Aspirational future changes
- Reported to Legislature September 2024.





2522 Taskforce Recommendations

Short Term:

Revisions to existing statute

Medium & Long Term:

Cost Recovery

Taxing authority and Enterprise Zones

EMS Modernization

Volunteer recruitment and retention

Support successful existing response initiatives



2025 & 2026 Legislative Sessions

Legislative Responses

Revisions to existing statute → *SB 862, OSFM agency bill (passed 2025)*

Financial review of RFPDs → *SB 454 (passed in June 2025)*

- Cost Recovery → *HB 4156, GEMT reimbursements (passed 2026)*
- Taxing authority and Enterprise Zones → *HB 3940, RFPD taxing auth. (passed 2025)*
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Support successful existing response initiatives

EMS Modernization → *HB 4053 EMS Modernization (passed 2026)*

- 2025 EMS modernization bill did not pass, but 2026 bill did.
- Includes OSFM firefighter health study.



Where are we now?

SB 454 Advisory Committee

454 Advisory Committee established by OSFM under GFSPC

SB 454 Advisory Committee will evaluate:

1. Fire services provided by fire departments
2. Funding mechanisms
3. Funding limitations

OSFM to **report back to Legislature by December 2026**