Name of Team: **Firefighter Health Study Advisory Committee (HB4121)**
Rev. Date: August, 2026

Chartering Group	Sponsor	Committee Chair	Team Kick Off Date	Proposed Team Sunset Date
Governor's Fire Service Policy Council	Department of the State Fire Marshal	Chief Mariah Rawlins Chief Patrick Fale	09/24/2026	09/15/2027

Mission Statement	✓ Conduct a study of health coverage disparities between paid and volunteer firefighters. ✓ Conduct a comprehensive study on the needs of the Oregon Fire Service related to cancer prevention and medical screening. ✓ Analyze current trends, standards, and policies for medical screenings within the fire service. ✓ Identify best practices and implementation strategies. ✓ Evaluate options for providing financial assistance for fire agencies that are economically disadvantaged. ✓ Develop recommendations for the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to cancer and medical screenings within the fire service. ✓ Submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 prior to 09/15/2027.
Problem Statement	A comprehensive review of trends, standards, and policies for cancer and medical screenings within the fire service is necessary to ensure the well-being and longevity of Oregon's first responders.
Goals & Objectives	1. Analyze current trends, standards, and policies for cancer and medical screenings within the fire service 2. Identify best practices and implementation strategies 3. Evaluate options for providing financial assistance to departments that are economically disadvantaged. 4. Create proposals for lawmakers.
Customers	Direct: Oregon firefighters; paid and volunteer Indirect: Oregon Fire Service, SAIF, OSHA, BOLI, Behavioral Health Collaborative, Cities, Counties, Districts
Feedback Plan	1. Reports will be shared at the Governors Fire Service Policy Council (GFSPC) quarterly meetings and during regular operational meetings. 2. Recommendations will be shared via a report to the Oregon Legislature per the requirements in ORS 192.245
Scope/Priority	The work of the Firefighter Health Study Advisory Committee (GFSPC subcommittee) is a high priority and shall meet deadlines established in ORS 192.245. The Committee shall report to the relevant public safety committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2027, using direction provided in HB 4121 (2026) as well as legislative direction provided on the House Floor by bill sponsor, Rep. Evans.
Procedures/ Meeting Frequency	The Firefighter Health Study Advisory Committee plans to meet bi-monthly, however more frequent meetings may be required. Tasks will be assigned and are expected to be worked on between meetings.
Decision Making Process	The Committee strives for consensus, but should there be disagreements, shall reach recommendations by majority vote based on Robert's Rules of Order meeting process.
Decision Ratifying Body	State Fire Marshal with advisement from GFSPC members.

Boundary Conditions to Decisions Made	The Committee may make recommendations; however, the final decision to move forward on all recommendations will be made by the State Fire Marshal.
How Decisions Are Communicated	Approved recommendations will be communicated to the GFSPC and the State Fire Marshal through a variety of means including but not limited to memorandum, email, website, conference calls, and meetings.
Committee Members	

Mariana Ruiz-Temple	Oregon State Fire Marshal	Executive Director
Mariah Rawlins	Assistant Chief Deputy	*Taskforce Co-Chair*
Patrick Fale	Deputy Chief, TVF&R	*Taskforce Co-Chair*
Dave Pickhardt	Fire District Consultant / Health, Wellness & Fitness Specialist	Wilson Heirgood Associates Insurance
Genoa Ingram	Director	Oregon Fire District Directors Association
Scott Law	Fire Chief, Dayton Fire	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
Tom Mooney	Fire Marshal, Redmond Fire	Oregon Fire Marshals Association
Daniel Allred	Captain, Eugene Springfield Fire	Oregon State Firefighters Council
Matt Laas	Fire Service Safety Specialist	Oregon Department of State Fire Marshal
Frank Day	Firefighter, Crooked River Ranch	Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association
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Torey Wakeland	Assistant Fire Chief, Grande Ronde	Tribal Fire Response Agency
Jeremy Craft	President	Western Fire Chiefs Association
Merle Laci	Fire Chief. La Grande	
Shawn Barnes	Battalion Chief, Salem Fire	
Lauren Johnson	Fire Chief, Portland Fire	
Ivo Trummer	Government Relations Director	State Accident Insurance Fund
Brian Stewart	Fire Chief, Clackamas Fire	Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Legislative

Committee Staff		
Adam Meyer	Department of the State Fire Marshal	Taskforce Policy
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Sunset Clause	On or before September 15, 2027.
Sustaining Plan	Future work or groups identified by the Committee on or after September 15, 2027.