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Dear Chair Meek, Vice Chair McLane and Members of the Senate
Committee on Finance and Revenue,

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, and the businesses, organizations and individuals we represent throughout Roseburg and Douglas County, we urge you to support SJR 11.

In recent decades, Douglas County has faced devastating wildfires, largely on public lands. However, the catastrophic impacts of wildfires are not restricted to Douglas County or Southern Oregon. Over the past decade wildfires have become an ever-growing Oregon problem and the solution for how to fund combating Oregon wildfires should be decided by Oregonians. The need for a permanent solution is now, and SJR 11 is the answer.

SJR 11 proposes to place a ballot measure before Oregon voters to decide if undesignated lottery dollars should be used to help pay for firefighting endeavors on catastrophic wildfires. The concept behind SJR 11 was proposed and unanimously supported by a diverse group of 35 stakeholders—including family woodland owners, environmental groups, tribes, ranchers, health advocates and firefighters.

In the last ten years, more than six million acres of land has burned in Oregon. Nearly 97% of land burned by wildfire is the result of fires that start on federal land, not privately-owned forestland. The cost to fight these fires continues to skyrocket. The urgency to solve how Oregon funds fighting these fires and employs mitigation efforts to thwart future wildfires could not be greater.

I respectfully urge you to pass SJR 11 and let Oregonians decide if undesignated lottery funds should be used to put out and prevent wildfires in Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.