

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2340**

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Including Senate Amendments dated July 1

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes board of rural fire protection district to create fees for services provided by district.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to rural fire protection districts; amending ORS 478.410.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 478.410 is amended to read:

5 478.410. (1) To provide funds for defraying expenses for the establishment, equipment and main-  
6 tenance of the district, the district board may provide for a tax on the assessed value of all taxable  
7 property within the district.

8 (2) To carry into effect any of the powers granted to the district, the district, when authorized  
9 by a majority of the voters voting at an election called for that purpose, may borrow money and sell  
10 and dispose of general obligation bonds. The total outstanding general obligation bonds, together  
11 with liabilities outstanding incurred under rental or lease-purchase agreements authorized by sub-  
12 section (3) of this section, [*shall at no time*] **may not** exceed one and one-fourth percent (0.0125) of  
13 the real market value of all taxable property within the district, computed in accordance with ORS  
14 308.207.

15 (3) The **district** board may enter into rental or lease-purchase agreements to rent, lease or ac-  
16 quire real or personal property, or both, required for fire-protection purposes. Except for agree-  
17 ments to rent, lease or acquire real property, [*no*] **an** agreement [*shall*] **may not** run for more than  
18 10 years or be subject to renewal. The aggregate principal obligations under [*such*] **the** agreements,  
19 and under other like agreements, with outstanding bonded indebtedness, [*shall*] **may not** exceed the  
20 limitation imposed by subsection (2) of this section. [*The provisions of*] ORS 294.305 to 294.555  
21 [*shall*] **do not** affect or restrict the right of any district to enter into [*such*] an agreement **described**  
22 **in this subsection.**

23 (4) **Unless expressly prohibited by the documents creating the district, a district board**  
24 **may adopt an ordinance as provided under ORS 198.510 to 198.600 to create a fee for any**  
25 **service provided by the district. A fee created under authority of this section may not exceed**  
26 **the cost to the district of providing the service. The fee authority granted to a board by this**  
27 **subsection is in addition to any authority granted to a board under local law or by the doc-**  
28 **uments creating the district. Notwithstanding ORS 198.600, the failure to pay a fee created**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **under authority of this section is not a violation punishable under ORS 198.600.**

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