

SEL 805 Text to Accompany TVF&R Filing

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CAPTION: (10-word limit)	LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (9 words)
QUESTION: (20-word limit)	Shall TVF&R levy \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. (15 words) <i>Last sentence does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.070(4)(a).</i>
SUMMARY: (175-word limit)	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is seeking a levy for \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Levies must be approved by voters and are limited to a maximum duration of five years. For a property assessed at \$305,000, the average in TVF&R's service area, the levy would cost approximately \$17.54 a month. If the levy does not pass, funding for at least 92 of 450 firefighters and paramedics would be lost and staffing reductions would be required. If passed, levy funds will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain existing first responders and add 36 more.• Improve service levels as emergency incidents are projected to increase over the next five years.• Ensure prompt response times and reliability when multiple emergencies happen at the same time.• Purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators as well as critical firefighting tools including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings.• Purchase vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.• Add personnel who train and equip first responders. An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the proposed levy is: FY 2025-2026: \$ 54,032,329 FY 2026-2027: \$ 56,354,401 FY 2027-2028: \$ 58,776,263 FY 2028-2029: \$ 61,302,205 FY 2029-2030: \$ 63,936,696 The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate. (172 words) <i>Last statement does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.075(1). Estimated revenue required pursuant to ORS 280.075(2). These words do not count towards the 175-word limit. ORS 280.075(3).</i>