

# TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date: March 2, 2020** 

**DATE:** February 6, 2019

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding 2021 Nevada Legislative

Session and other legislative issues proposed by legislators, or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, including a discussion and possible approval of staff recommendations to support SB-113, AB100, AB-

96, and AB 86. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## **SUMMARY**

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### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

This item has been a standing item on the Board of Fire Commissioners Agenda, with general direction to staff to review and identify bills that can affect the District in part or as a whole, and bring back items that may need the Boards direction and backing.

#### **BACKGROUND**

There are four proposed bills of interest to the District.

S.B. 113 proposes various changes relating to arson, defining the term "maliciously" for the purposes of the crime of arson.

A.B. 100, in section 3, imbeds the Wildland Fire Protection Program in State Statute and supports mitigation of risks of wildfire.

A.B. 96 establishes a Commission for emergency response employee's mental health. Although the District provides robust peer support services, the Commission could establish services for other agencies and would help increase awareness and support.

A.B. 86 proposes changes to the recovery of certain expenses and costs incurred in extinguishing wildfires and removes the requirement that the fire or other emergency must have threatened human life for expenses to be recovered.

# FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time. Any direction given by the Board that will result in a fiscal impact will be brought back to the board for further consideration.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends support of support SB-113, AB100, AB-96, and AB 86.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation a possible motion would be:

"I move to direct staff to support SB-113, AB100, AB-96, and AB 86 on behalf of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District."