

# House Bill 2962

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## SUMMARY

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Requires State Forestry Department to establish and maintain fuel breaks between contiguous state and federal forestlands.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to fire protection.

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

4 **SECTION 1. As used in this section and section 2 of this 2007 Act:**

5 (1) **"Fuel break" means a natural or human-made area where material capable of allowing**  
6 **wildfire to spread, including trees, dry grass, dead plant material and other combustible**  
7 **vegetation, either does not exist or has been cleared or modified in order to significantly**  
8 **reduce the rate of spread and the intensity of an advancing wildfire.**

9 (2) **"Ladder fuel" means branches, leaves, needles and other combustible vegetation that**  
10 **may allow a wildfire to spread from lower growing vegetation to high growing vegetation.**

11 (3) **"Primary fuel break" means an area of substantially nonflammable ground cover that**  
12 **is devoid of trees and dry grass more than six inches in height and is maintained free of**  
13 **ladder fuel.**

14 (4) **"Secondary fuel break" means an area comprised of trees and other vegetation that**  
15 **is maintained substantially free of dead plant material and ladder fuel.**

16 **SECTION 2. The State Forestry Department shall establish and maintain between con-**  
17 **tiguous state and federal forestlands a fuel break that covers a total distance of 100 feet and**  
18 **that is comprised of:**

19 (1) **A primary fuel break that covers a distance of 30 feet from the boundary line between**  
20 **the contiguous state and federal forestlands; and**

21 (2) **A secondary fuel break that is immediately adjacent to the primary fuel break and**  
22 **cover an additional distance of 70 feet from the primary fuel break.**  
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