

Requested by Senator FERRIOLI

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1017**

1 Delete lines 4 through 28 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part**
3 **of ORS 477.015 to 477.061.**

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Forester shall establish guidelines for**
5 **wildfire buffer zones that provide defensible space on lands in**
6 **forestland-urban interface. The State Forester may establish vege-**
7 **tation removal or limitation provisions under the guidelines. Except**
8 **as provided in this section, the guidelines shall, at a minimum, provide**
9 **for the thinning of trees within the lesser of:**

10 **“(a) Three hundred feet from residential structures; or**

11 **“(b) The buffer zone distance from residential structures required**
12 **under minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Forestry**
13 **under ORS 477.059 for minimizing or mitigating fire hazard or fire risk**
14 **based on the classification of the land.**

15 **“(2) The guidelines adopted by the State Forester under this section**
16 **may not require the vegetation removal or limitation or the thinning**
17 **of trees in areas where topographic or other conditions make the re-**
18 **moval, limitation or thinning infeasible. The guidelines may not re-**
19 **quire the vegetation removal or limitation, or the thinning of trees,**
20 **on a property to establish or maintain a wildfire buffer zone on an-**
21 **other property.**

1 **“(3) An owner of land in a forestland-urban interface may file a**
2 **certificate of compliance with wildfire buffer zone guidelines with the**
3 **State Forester in the same manner as for filing a certificate of com-**
4 **pliance described in ORS 477.059. The State Forester may inspect land**
5 **during reasonable hours to verify information contained in a certif-**
6 **icate filed under this section. A certificate under this section must be**
7 **filed in each year for which the owner is allowed a tax credit under**
8 **section 4 of this 2017 Act.**

9 **“SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part**
10 **of ORS chapter 315.**

11 **“SECTION 4. (1) A credit against taxes otherwise due under ORS**
12 **chapter 316 or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, under ORS chapter 317**
13 **or 318, shall be allowed if the taxpayer files a valid certificate of com-**
14 **pliance with wildfire buffer zone guidelines under section 2 of this 2017**
15 **Act during the tax year. The credit allowed under this section shall**
16 **be an amount equal to ___ percent of the assessment under ORS**
17 **477.230 paid by the taxpayer on land in forestland-urban interface that**
18 **is described in a valid certificate filed under ORS 477.059 and outside**
19 **all wildfire buffer zones on the property.**

20 **“(2) Any tax credit otherwise allowable under this section that is**
21 **not used by the taxpayer in a particular tax year may be carried for-**
22 **ward and offset against the taxpayer’s tax liability for the next suc-**
23 **ceeding tax year, but may not be carried forward to any tax year**
24 **thereafter.”.**

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