

Senate Bill 290

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, JOHNSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Makes person voluntarily fighting wildfire immune from civil liability for injury resulting from good faith performance of firefighting efforts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to civil immunity for volunteers fighting wildfires.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Voluntarily" means not undertaken as a condition of employment or with an expectation of remuneration.

(b) "Wildfire" means a fire burning uncontrolled on private forestland or on private cropland, pasture, rangeland or other private agricultural land or burning or threatening a structure on private forestland or agricultural land.

(2) A person that voluntarily undertakes the fighting of a wildfire is not civilly liable for any injury to person or property resulting from the good faith performance of firefighting efforts.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to injury from firefighting efforts performed on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.

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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.