A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to wildfire; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall:
(a) Conduct market, legal and fiscal research on the creation of a wildfire workforce foundation that receives private and public funds to support youth workforce development programs in the areas of forest restoration and wildfire reduction;
(b) Identify potential collaborators in the wildfire workforce foundation;
(c) Explore prospects for federal government support of the wildfire workforce foundation;
(d) Inventory the experiences and successes of existing wildfire workforce programs; and
(e) Create a case statement for potential donors to the wildfire workforce foundation, with particular emphasis on the potential benefits for private sector businesses and foundations.
(2) The commission shall report on the results of the research and tasks performed under subsection (1) of this section to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to wildfire no later than December 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.