

Open Government Impact Statement

Measure: HB 2722 - A

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SUMMARY

Directs Public Utility Commission to convene workshops on best practices regarding wildfires.

Requires public utility that provides electricity to have and operate in compliance with risk-based wildfire protection plan.

Requires consumer-owned utility to have and operate in compliance with risk-based wildfire mitigation plan.

Authorizes certain property insurance-related actions concerning protection of property from wildfire.

Mandates organization of Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee. Requires committee to report to appropriate committees or interim committees of Senate and House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2022.

Directs Environmental Quality Commission to establish program related to wildfire smoke and evaluate public health risks. Authorizes commission to enter into agreements related to wildfire smoke and clean air shelters.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to cooperate with local governments to establish clean air shelters and to establish program to increase availability of smoke filtration systems.

Directs Office of Emergency Management to update statewide emergency plan and coordinate with cities, counties and certain entities to prepare for emergencies related to wildfire.

Changes certain requirements concerning composition of county forestland-urban interface classification committees. Requires committees to establish minimum defensible space standards for minimizing or mitigating wildfire risk within extreme hazard zones. Authorizes committees to establish minimum defensible space standards within high hazard zones. Requires committees to produce maps of standards and certain designations and classifications.

Establishes certain requirements concerning adoption of minimum defensible space standards by State Board of Forestry. Provides that certain owners of land may only be liable to State Forester for costs of suppressing fire if owner has willfully or recklessly failed to meet standards. Caps liability at \$10,000.

Provides that annual special or additional cost of fire protection for certain property owners must be adopted by rule and ratified by Legislative Assembly.



Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt wildfire hazard mitigation building code standards for certain new residences and to develop interactive tool.

Directs Oregon State University to develop and maintain statewide map of wildfire risk and report on map to interim committee of Legislative A

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