

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee —

I strongly support SB 762.

Over the past 30 years, one of my great joys has been traveling through as much of our state as I could. During the terrible fires last fall it was devastating to see how distrustful we have become of each other. Hopefully marshaling help from all parts of the state and everyone working together will help.

Consolidating local, regional and statewide response to wildfire mitigation will be very advantageous, and the funding provided for local planning, and the youth mitigation corps, are great ideas.

The wildfire risk map, overlaid with existing data, could become hugely useful in the future as each year's map could provide a historical and predictive record to aid response planning. And with an already developed building hardening model we won't have to wait on month's of new building code study.

Do pass.