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To: Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire
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Subject: 2025 Committee Legislative Concepts

LC 1247, dated 10/1/2024 – Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to study property insurance. Directs the DCBS to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to insurance not later than September 15, 2026.

LC 1251, dated 11/20/2024 – Restricts methods by which lands zoned for farm, forest or mixed farm and forest use may be redesignated for nonresource use.

LC 1273, dated, 10/10/2024 – Requires the Department of State Lands to study determinations of navigability on Oregon waterways. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources not later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

LC 1931, dated, 11/18/2024 – Defines “high wildfire hazard area” for purposes of developing an accessory dwelling unit on lands zoned for rural residential uses or a replacement dwelling on lands zoned for resource uses.

LC 1962, dated 9/30/2024 – Directs the Water Resources Department (OWRD) to study groundwater permit requirements for small agricultural parcels. Directs the OWRD to report to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.

LC 2006, dated 11/14/2024 – Stipulates county is authorized to allow a home occupation to be established only if home occupation: (a) is operated by owner of property who is also resident of dwelling; (b) employs on site no more than five individuals, other than owner; (c) does not provide clients with on-site dining, drinking, event hosting or lodging of more than five unrelated persons, except under certain circumstances; (d) does not use external signs that are lighted or larger than 12 square feet identifying the home occupation; (e) does not allow for parking for more than three

client vehicles; or (f) is operated substantially within area no greater than 2,000 square feet and does not unreasonably interfere with use of dwelling as dwelling.

LC 2008, dated 11/18/2024 – Stipulates that replacement dwellings on lands zones for forest or farm use must not exceed the floor area of the dwelling being replaced by more than stated, percent; or have floor area greater than 2,500 square feet.

LC 2052, dated 11/25/2024 – Prohibits certain dwellings, with certain exceptions, in any land zoned for exclusive farm use, forest use or mixed farm and forest use within an area that is: (a) identified as high wildfire hazard zone and within the wildland-urban interface on the statewide wildfire hazard map described; (b) ground water restricted area; (c) designated as essential, limited, important or irreplaceable wildlife habitat; (d) high priority wildlife movement or habitat connectivity areas identified within the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan; or (e) High-value farmland.

LC 2079, dated 11/4/2024 – Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from issuing a water quality permit in a ground water management area and is a new or expanding large confined animal feeding operation or an expanding confined animal feeding operation that is exceeding operational size into the largest tier.

LC 2088, dated 10/3/2024 – Requires the Oregon Climate Action Commission to study natural climate solutions. Directs the commission to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

LC 2682, dated 12/9/2024 – Makes changes to consultations that are required for a certain grant process. Makes certain changes related to a program to reduce wildfire risk. Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for funding certain grant-supported projects. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

LC 3373, dated 12/9/2024 – Makes changes related to building code standards for wildfire hazard mitigation. Makes changes to consultations that are required for a certain grant process. Makes changes related to fire protection for lands outside of forest protection districts. Makes certain changes related to a program to reduce wildfire risk. Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for funding certain grant-supported projects. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

LC 3374, dated 10/15/2024 – Appropriates \$5 million to the State Fire Marshal to collaboratively establish a neighborhood protection cooperative grant program to promote community wildfire resilience. Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services, in consultation with the insurance industry and relevant state agencies, to develop a plan for a future homeowner insurance risk reduction certification program that would consider property owner actions to mitigate wildfire risk in

homeowner insurance policy rates and terms. Declares an emergency; effective on passage.

LC 3456, dated 12/9/2024 – Exempts local governments that adopted and continue to enforce certain wildfire hazard mitigation standards from the application of state standards that are based on specified wildfire hazard classes.