

## SB 505 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Natural Resources

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Forestry to study local government discretion concerning the regulation of wildfire risk, and to submit a report of its findings to natural resources-related interim legislative committees by September 15, 2024.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Authorizes a local government to adopt and enforce more stringent building code standards than those covered in section R327 of the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code, for new dwellings and their accessory structures, as well as for additions and replacements to existing dwellings and accessory structures.

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##### BACKGROUND:

Section R327 of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code provides minimum standards for dwellings and their accessory structures that are located in areas subject to wildfires in order to reduce or eliminate hazards presented by wildfires.

The most recent update to section R327 was facilitated by the Oregon Building Codes Division in 2018 and adopted in early 2019. Prior to 2019, section R327 required the use of certain roofing materials in areas subject to wildfires. The 2019 update requires the use of a variety of exterior products that resist ignition and protect vulnerable areas including roofing, rain gutters, ventilation, eaves, and exterior walls. These requirements are limited to new dwellings and their accessory structures, and are only effective contingent upon a local municipality's adoption of an ordinance that recognizes and is consistent with the update.

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