

The following text summarizes content for a forthcoming committee amendment on Senate Bill 80. The official amendment will be posted on OLIS as soon as it is available.

1. Adjustments to Statewide Map (ORS 477.490)

- Rename the map as a “Wildfire Hazard Map.”
- Change the current five wildfire risk classes (extreme, high, moderate, low, and no risk) to three wildfire hazard zones (extreme, high, and moderate).
- Provide for a robust community engagement outreach process to ensure underlying criteria for assigning hazard zones are made understandable to a public audience.
- Ensure the map is completed as soon as possible following appropriate community engagement.
- Require notification letters be sent only to those in the high hazard zone classification within the WUI.
- Use appeal procedures that follow the existing Administrative Procedures Act.
- Clarify that the map layer for socially and economically vulnerable communities be used to direct resources for implementing wildfire resiliency to those most in need, and for the purposes of extensive targeted engagement and outreach within those communities. Clarify that State Fire Marshal assistance is not limited to members of socially and economically vulnerable communities that own land.

2. Funds within the State Treasury

- Establish a “Landscape Resiliency Fund” in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, to allow for federal moneys, philanthropic moneys, deployment of funds across biennia, and spending authority on landscape resiliency projects.
- Ensure existing “Community Risk Reduction Fund” allows for philanthropic donations.

3. Increased Flexibility for Public Clean Air Spaces

- Allow nonprofit and faith-based organizations to provide clean air shelters under the Department of Human Services’ existing grant program for local governments.
- Provide the Department of Human Services the authority to support the maintenance of smoke filtration systems for clean air shelters.

4. Wildfire Programs Advisory Council Appointment Efficiency

- Reduce the wait period before presiding officers appoint council members from 30 days to 7 days.

5. Wildfire Home Preparedness Grant Program

- Establish a Wildfire Home Preparedness grant program through the Department of State Fire Marshal in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to facilitate retrofitting of existing dwellings and accessory structures, and new dwellings and accessory structures constructed following a wildfire event, to be resistant and resilient to wildland fire.
- Requires DCBS to publish a list of eligible retrofits and materials as identified in section R327 of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.