House Bill 2940

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN; Representatives CATE, HIEB, SCHARF, WRIGHT, Senators HANSELL, WEBER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Requires state agency or political subdivision of State of Oregon that possesses or controls real property within wildland-urban interface, or adjacent to privately owned real property within wildland-urban interface, to take certain actions to prevent wildfire.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to forestland.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) A state agency or political subdivision of the State of Oregon that possesses or controls real property within the wildland-urban interface described in ORS 477.490, or adjacent to privately owned real property within the wildland-urban interface, shall:

(a) Remove trees from the real property, including by logging or thinning, as needed to prevent wildfires.

(b) Remove dead or dying vegetation or timber on the real property.

(c) Install access roads on the real property that are capable of functioning as fire breaks.

(2) The provisions of ORS 527.610 to 527.770, and rules adopted thereunder, do not apply to activities undertaken pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The State Forestry Department shall:

(a) Adopt rules as needed to implement this section.

(b) Coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service to prevent wildfire on federal lands adjacent to privately owned real property within the wildland-urban interface by undertaking activities described in subsection (1) of this section.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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