



Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 83 with the -7 amendments. For background, Oregon REALTORS® is an industry association comprised of roughly 18,000 members who work as real estate brokers, principal real estate brokers, real estate property managers, and affiliated industry professionals. In turn, our members represent hundreds of thousands of Oregonians in real property transactions across the state.

It has been widely acknowledged that the statewide wildfire map has been highly problematic for various reasons, including data errors, public outcry over perceived impacts on home insurance, misunderstandings about the purpose of the map, and the strain it has placed upon the state due to the number of property classification appeals that have been filed. As such, the map should be repealed.

SB 83-7 would repeal the statewide wildfire hazard map established by SB 762 (2021), the various references to it in other statutes, and related administrative rules. Additionally, it would strengthen the state's efforts to prepare for the impacts of wildfires in several ways.

SB 83-7 would direct the State Fire Marshal to create a model code for defensible space, which local governments could choose to adopt, and would direct the Department of Consumer and Business Services to do the same for building code standards. It would direct the Oregon Department of Forestry to prioritize risk reduction treatments to properties within the wildland-urban interface (WUI) as that term is defined in the -7, add two new members to the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council, remove the WUI disclosure from the seller's property disclosure statement, and revise various wildfire reporting requirements for state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Oregon REALTORS® supports the repeal of the statewide wildfire map, and we support the policy improvements included in the -7 amendments. We urge you to vote YES on SB 83-7.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our testimony.