

House Bill 2222

Sponsored by Representative BONHAM, Senator JOHNSON, Representative ZIKA (at the request of former State Representative Gene Whisnant) (Pre-session 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 Forestry Department to annually report to Legislative Assembly or interim committee regarding development, implementation and administration of Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall annually report regarding the implementation and enforcement status of protection plans required under ORS 477.015 to 477.061. The report shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) General information concerning progress toward the completion and coordination of the forestland-urban interface fire protection system, and measures taken to ensure that the fire protection system minimizes costs and risks and maximizes the effectiveness and efficiency of fire protection;

(b) Specific information for each community protection plan regarding land identification and classification, plan review and assessment, efforts to promote and encourage property owners to minimize and mitigate fire risk, efforts to encourage plan involvement and participation by government and private sectors and plan features to ensure the adequacy of public safety and the protection of property development and natural resources; and

(c) Information regarding actions by the department to develop, administer and enforce the fire protection system, including but not limited to any new rules or proposed rules developed for plans, public safety and public education.

(2) The department shall make the report, including any recommendations for further legislative action, to:

(a) The regular session of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than June 15 of each odd-numbered year; and

(b) An interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than June 15 of each even-numbered year.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 1 (2) of this 2019 Act, the State Forestry Department may make the initial report under section 1 of this 2019 Act at any time prior to adjournment sine die of the 2019 regular session of the Legislative Assembly. If this 2019 Act becomes law after adjournment sine die of the 2019 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, the department shall make the initial report under section 1 of this 2019 Act to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources no later than

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.

1 the first meeting of the interim committee following adjournment sine die of the 2019 regular
2 session of the Legislative Assembly.

3 SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
5 on its passage.
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