

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3126

Ordered by the House June 7
Including House Amendments dated June 7

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Brian Clem)

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.

[Directs Legislative Policy and Research Office to study strategies to promote recovery from 2020 wildfire season and report to appropriate committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2022.]

[Sunsets January 2, 2023.]

Directs county board to annex to domestic water supply district, upon petition, land surrounded by district where water supply has become inadequate or contaminated due to wildfire, if district or independent water supply source of district has water supply sufficient to provide water to land.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildfire recovery; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 264.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 198.750, 198.755, 198.760, 198.765, 198.775, 198.850,**
6 **198.855 and 198.857, land may be annexed to a district as provided in this section.**

7 **(2) The owner of a parcel of land may petition the county board to annex the land to a**
8 **district if:**

9 **(a) The land is surrounded by the district; and**

10 **(b) The water supply for the land has become inadequate or contaminated, as determined**
11 **by the local health department, as a result of conditions caused by a wildfire that is the**
12 **subject of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.**

13 **(3) The petition must declare that the petition is filed pursuant to this section, state the**
14 **name of the district and all affected counties, indicate the principal Act of the district, be**
15 **signed by the owner of the parcel of land and state the conditions that caused the water**
16 **supply for the land to become inadequate or contaminated.**

17 **(4) The county board shall immediately approve the petition if the county board deter-**
18 **mines that:**

19 **(a) The conditions described in subsection (2) of this section are met;**

20 **(b) The petition meets the requirements of subsection (3) of this section; and**

21 **(c) The district, or an independent water supply source of the district, has a water supply**
22 **sufficient to provide water to the land.**

23 **(5) If the petition is approved under subsection (4) of this section, the county board shall**
24 **enter an order describing the boundaries of the land and declaring the land annexed to the**

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1 **district.**

2 **(6) Subject to the provisions of ORS 264.306 and 264.314, the district, or an independent**
3 **water supply source of the district, shall provide water to land annexed under this section.**

4 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.**

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