

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 290**

Ordered by the Senate April 5  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 5

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, JOHNSON (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.

Makes person voluntarily fighting wildfire immune from civil liability for injury resulting from good faith performance of firefighting efforts. **Creates exceptions.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to civil immunity for volunteers fighting wildfires.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Voluntarily" means not undertaken as a condition of employment or with an expect-**  
6 **ation of remuneration.**

7 (b) **"Wildfire" means a fire burning uncontrolled on private cropland, pasture, rangeland**  
8 **or other private agricultural land or threatening a structure on agricultural land.**

9 (2) **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person that voluntarily under-**  
10 **takes the fighting of a wildfire is not civilly liable for any injury to person or property re-**  
11 **sulting from the good faith performance of firefighting efforts.**

12 (3) **Subsection (2) of this section applies to the performance of firefighting efforts that**  
13 **commence when the person arrives at the fire scene or a staging area and end when the**  
14 **person departs from the fire scene or staging area.**

15 (4) **Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to:**

16 (a) **Members of a volunteer fire department or fire district who have been trained in**  
17 **firefighting techniques; or**

18 (b) **The operation of a motor vehicle by a person.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to injury from firefighting efforts per-**  
20 **formed on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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**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.