

# Senate Bill 290

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, JOHNSON (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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 tation of remuneration.

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

10 (2) A person that voluntarily undertakes the fighting of a wildfire is not civilly liable for  
11 any injury to person or property resulting from the good faith performance of firefighting  
12 efforts.

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

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