Senate Bill 291

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Allows governing body of county, city or district to authorize persons to exercise authority regarding Emergency Conflagration Act. Prohibits refusal or limitation of response under Emergency Conflagration Act based on lack or scarcity of structures in vicinity of fire.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to the Emergency Conflagration Act.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 476.510 to 5 476.610.

6 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) A governing body of a county, city or district may grant one or more 7 governing body members, other officials or other persons the authority to act on behalf of 8 the county, city or district in:

9 (a) Requesting that the Governor, or an officer designated by the Governor, assign and 10 make fire-fighting forces and equipment available in response to a fire in the county, city 11 or district; and

(b) Completing any delegation of authority or other necessary documents regarding the mobilization of the fire-fighting forces or equipment, including but not limited to documents regarding succession of command, integration of incident management personnel, local fire official retention of roles or responsibilities and the assignment of responsibility for providing logistical support, providing information to emergency management agencies and personnel, working with emergency management personnel in planning and carrying out evacuations and gathering and providing information for fire investigation purposes.

(2) The Governor, or an officer designated by the Governor to assign fire-fighting forces
and equipment under ORS 476.510 to 476.610, may not refuse or limit the assignment of
available fire-fighting forces or equipment based on a lack or scarcity of structures in the
vicinity of the fire.

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