



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Requires electric company to operate in compliance with risk-based wildfire protection plan acknowledged by Public Utility Commission. Requires periodic submission of new plan. Specifies minimum required contents for plan. Requires submission of initial plan no later than December 31, 2020.

Makes reasonable and prudent investment that electric company incurs to develop, implement or operate wildfire protection plan or to mitigate risk, severity or extent of wildfire recoverable as rates charged by company.

Requires consumer-owned utility to operate in compliance with risk-based wildfire mitigation plan approved by governing body of utility. Requires periodic submission of new plan. Requires submission of initial plan no later than December 31, 2021.

Requires consumer-owned utility to conduct wildfire risk assessment of utility facilities. Requires review and revision of assessment as required by governing body of utility.

Requires consumer-owned utility to construct, maintain and operate electrical lines and equipment in manner designed to reduce likelihood of wildfire.

Requires Public Utility Commission workshops to develop and share information for best practices regarding wildfire.

Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development to oversee and coordinate development and maintenance of comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk. Requires department to establish minimum standards and provide consultation to cities and counties to implement and maintain wildfire risk planning and zoning and to develop wildfire risk mitigation standards. Requires Insurance Commissioner to order insurers to identify and provide incentives for policyholder actions to reduce wildfire risk.

Requires State Fire Marshal to establish minimum defensible space requirements. Requires local government to administer and enforce applicable State Fire Marshal defensible space requirements. Allows local government to adopt local defensible space requirements in excess of State Fire Marshal requirements.

Requires local government to periodically report to State Fire Marshal regarding compliance with defensible space requirements. Requires State Fire Marshal to maintain map of defensible space requirements and compliance.

Requires State Fire Marshal to administer and enforce program to provide assistance to local



governments for administration and enforcement of defensible space requirements. Establishes Wildfire Defensible Space Fund. Establishes creation of defensible space on lands of certain underserved populations as priority use of financial assistance.

Requires Department of Land Conservation and Development to establish program to assist counties and cities to adopt local building code provisions and local wildfire safety requirements that exceed state requirements. Creates Local Wildfire Response Fund.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish standards for residential smoke filtration systems. Requires authority to establish program to increase availability of systems among vulnerable persons residing in areas susceptible to wildfire smoke. Authorizes authority to issue grants to increase availability of systems. Creates Wildfire Smoke Abatement Fund.

Establishes task force to identify barriers to installation of smoke filtration systems in areas susceptible to wildfire smoke. Requires task force report no later than September 15, 2021. Sunsets task force December 31, 2021.

Requires State Forestry Department to establish program for reducing fuel load on forestlands. Establishes Forestland Treatment Fund.

Requires State Forester to establish baseline level of wildfire protection for lands susceptible to wildfire.

Requires county to assist landowners and jurisdictions to form, expand or change boundaries of jurisdiction that provides wildfire protection. Requires county to assist jurisdiction in developing adequate wildfire protection facilities, equipment, training and other resources. Requires that county

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