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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.

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

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. Creates plan exception. 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 Public Utility Commission workshops to develop and share information for best practices regarding wildfire.

Authorizes insurer to use maps and data of, and work in cooperation with, Department of Land Conservation and Development and State Fire Marshal.

Requires State Forestry Department to develop and maintain statewide map of wildfire risk. **Requires State Forestry Department to report regarding map development to legislative committee no later than February 1, 2021.**

[Requires State Fire Marshal to establish minimum defensible space requirements. Allows local government to adopt local defensible space requirements in excess of State Fire Marshal requirements.]

[Authorizes State Fire Marshal to contract for local government enforcement of minimum defensible space requirements. Requires contracting 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 Oregon Health Authority to establish standards for smoke filtration systems in certain buildings. 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 and provide advice to Oregon Health Authority. Requires task force report no later than September 15, 2021. Sunsets task force December 31, 2021.]

[Requires Office of Emergency Management to establish personnel positions related to wildfire.]

[Expresses state policy and goals for reduction of fuel loads on forestlands and rangelands. Requires State Forestry Department to establish program for reducing fuel load on forestlands and rangelands. Establishes Forestland and Rangeland Treatment Fund.]

[Requires State Forester to establish baseline levels of wildfire protection for lands susceptible to wildfire.]

[Authorizes county, State Forester and State Fire Marshal to assist landowners and jurisdictions to form, expand or change boundaries of jurisdiction that provides wildfire protection and assist jurisdiction in developing adequate wildfire protection facilities, equipment, training and other resources. Requires that county ensure lands susceptible to wildfire are provided with wildfire protection meeting or exceeding baseline level no later than January 1, 2025.]

[Requires State Forestry Department to contract for services of private consultant to evaluate and make recommendations on specified issues regarding wildfires. Requires consultant to report to Governor and legislative committee no later than September 15, 2022.]

[Allows Governor to authorize joint state-federal partnerships to direct wildfire strategy based on

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.

1 *recommendations of Governor's Council on Wildfire Response. Authorizes council duties. Requires*
2 *council to report recommendations for stable funding to implement council wildfire strategy no later*
3 *than October 31, 2020.]*

4 **Creates Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee.**

5 **Requires State Forestry Department and Oregon State University, in consultation with**
6 **Department of Land Conservation and Development, to conduct study of regional wildfire**
7 **risk within state.**

8 **Requires State Forestry Department, in collaboration with Department of Land Conser-**
9 **vation and Development and advisory committee, to report to interim committee of Legisla-**
10 **tive Assembly no later than February 1, 2021, regarding possible means for implementing**
11 **final recommendations produced by Governor's Council on Wildfire Response. Requires**
12 **inclusion of regional wildfire risk information in report.**

13 **Requires State Forestry Department to establish projects for reducing wildfire risk on**
14 **forestlands and rangelands. Requires department to report findings and recommendations**
15 **based on project information.**

16 **Appropriates moneys to Department of Land Conservation and Development and State**
17 **Forestry Department for biennium ending June 30, 2021, to carry out department activities**
18 **under Act.**

19 Declares emergency, effective on passage.

20 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

21 Relating to wildfires; and declaring an emergency.

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

23 **UTILITIES**

24 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 8 of this 2020 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter**
25 **757.**

26 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "electric company" has the meaning given that**
27 **term in ORS 757.600.**

28 **(2) An electric company must have and operate in compliance with a risk-based wildfire**
29 **protection plan approved by the Public Utility Commission.**

30 **(3) An electric company shall submit a risk-based wildfire protection plan to the com-**
31 **mission every three years. The plan must, at a minimum:**

32 **(a) Identify areas within the service territory of the electric company that are subject**
33 **to a heightened risk of wildfire.**

34 **(b) Identify a means for mitigating wildfire risk that is cost effective and reflects a rea-**
35 **sonable balancing of mitigation costs with the resulting reduction of wildfire risk.**

36 **(c) Identify preventive actions and programs that the electric company will carry out to**
37 **minimize the risk of company facilities causing a wildfire.**

38 **(d) Identify a protocol for the deenergizing of power lines and adjusting power system**
39 **operations to mitigate wildfires, promote the safety of the public and first responders and**
40 **preserve health and communication infrastructure.**

41 **(e) Describe the procedures, standards and time frames that the electric company will**
42 **use to inspect company infrastructure in areas that the company identifies under paragraph**
43 **(a) of this subsection.**

44 **(f) Describe the procedures, standards and time frames that the electric company will**
45 **use to carry out vegetation management in areas that the company identifies under para-**
46 **graph (a) of this subsection.**

47 **(g) Identify the development, implementation and administration costs for the plan.**

48 **(h) Identify the community outreach and public awareness efforts that the electric com-**
49 **pany will use before, during and after a wildfire season.**

50 **(4) The commission, in consultation with the State Forestry Department and local**

1 emergency services agencies, shall review a wildfire protection plan that an electric company
2 submits under this section. The commission shall:

3 (a) Approve the submitted plan; or

4 (b) Disapprove the submitted plan and inform the electric company of the modifications
5 necessary to obtain approval.

6 (5) The commission shall adopt rules for the implementation of this section.

7 (6) Nothing in this section prohibits the recovery of costs deferred under ORS 757.259.

8 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section, “consumer-owned utility” and “governing body”
9 have the meanings given those terms in ORS 757.600.

10 (2) A consumer-owned utility must have and operate in compliance with a risk-based
11 wildfire mitigation plan approved by the governing body of the utility. The utility shall reg-
12 ularly update the risk-based wildfire mitigation plan on a schedule the governing body deems
13 consistent with prudent utility practices.

14 (3) A consumer-owned utility shall conduct a wildfire risk assessment of utility facilities.
15 The utility shall review and revise the assessment on a schedule the governing body deems
16 consistent with prudent utility practices.

17 (4) A consumer-owned utility shall submit a copy of the risk-based wildfire mitigation
18 plan approved by the utility governing body to the Public Utility Commission to facilitate
19 commission functions regarding statewide wildfire mitigation planning and wildfire
20 preparedness.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Public Utility Commission shall periodically convene workshops for the
22 purpose of helping electric companies as defined in ORS 757.600, consumer-owned utilities as
23 defined in ORS 757.600 and operators of electrical distribution systems to develop and share
24 information for the identification, adoption and carrying out of best practices regarding
25 wildfires, including but not limited to risk-based wildfire protection and risk-based wildfire
26 mitigation procedures and standards.

27 **SECTION 5.** An electric company shall submit the first risk-based wildfire protection plan
28 required of the company under section 2 of this 2020 Act no later than December 31, 2020.

29 **SECTION 6.** A consumer-owned utility shall submit the first risk-based wildfire miti-
30 gation plan required under section 3 of this 2020 Act to the utility governing body no later
31 than December 31, 2021.

32 **SECTION 7.** (1) As used in this section, “electric utility” has the meaning given that term
33 in ORS 757.600.

34 (2) The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2020 Act do not affect the terms or condi-
35 tions of easements held by an electric utility over private land as of the effective date of this
36 2020 Act.

37 **SECTION 8.** (1) As used in this section, “electric utility” has the meaning given that term
38 in ORS 757.600.

39 (2) Sections 9 and 16 of this 2020 Act do not affect the terms or conditions of easements
40 held by an electric utility over private land as of the effective date of this 2020 Act.

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42 **INSURANCE**
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44 **SECTION 9.** (1) Insurers may adopt coverage provisions and underwriting standards to
45 encourage property protection approaches that:

- 1 (a) Harden structures against wildfire damage;
- 2 (b) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of defensible spaces;
- 3 (c) Create access for emergency vehicles responding to wildfires; or
- 4 (d) Create wildfire evacuation routes.

5 (2) Issuers of property insurance policies may use maps and data developed by the State
6 Forestry Department or the State Fire Marshal for the purpose of determining terms and
7 conditions of the policies.

8 (3) The Department of Consumer and Business Services may work with the State Fire
9 Marshal and issuers of property insurance policies to develop property protection approaches
10 reflecting best practices for wildfire risk mitigation.

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12 **DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

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14 **SECTION 10.** The State Forestry Department shall oversee the development and main-
15 tenance of a comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk. The map must be sufficiently
16 detailed to allow the assessment of wildfire risk at the property-ownership level. The de-
17 partment shall collaborate with the State Fire Marshal, other state and local governments
18 and officials, other public bodies, insurance companies and any other information sources
19 that the State Forestry Department deems appropriate to develop and maintain the map. The
20 department shall make the map described in this section accessible to the public in electronic
21 form.

22 **SECTION 11.** The State Forestry Department shall report regarding the development of
23 the comprehensive statewide map described in section 10 of this 2020 Act to a committee of
24 the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources in the manner provided in ORS 192.245
25 no later than February 1, 2021.

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27 **LAND USE AND WILDFIRE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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29 **SECTION 12.** (1) The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development,
30 in consultation with counties and cities, shall organize a Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advi-
31 sory Committee. The committee shall consist of members appointed as described in sub-
32 sections (2) to (5) of this section.

33 (2) The director and the State Forester, in consultation with counties and cities, shall
34 jointly appoint the following to be voting members of the committee:

35 (a) One member who is a representative of a city government serving a population of less
36 than 10,000.

37 (b) One member who is a representative of a city government serving a population of
38 10,000 or more but less than 25,000.

39 (c) One member who is a representative of a city government serving a population of
40 25,000 or more.

41 (d) One member who is a representative of a county government serving a population of
42 less than 30,000.

43 (e) One member who is a representative of a county government serving a population of
44 30,000 or more but less than 100,000.

45 (f) One member who is a representative of a county government serving a population of

- 1 **100,000 or more.**
- 2 **(g) One member who is a city land use planning director.**
- 3 **(h) One member who is a county land use planning director.**
- 4 **(i) One member who is a representative of a utility company.**
- 5 **(j) One member who is a representative of environmental interests.**
- 6 **(k) One member who is a representative of special districts.**
- 7 **(L) One member who is a representative of farming landowners.**
- 8 **(m) One member who is a representative of ranching landowners.**
- 9 **(n) One member who is a representative of realty interests.**
- 10 **(o) One member who is a representative of land and housing development firms.**
- 11 **(p) One member who is a representative of citizen land use planning organizations.**
- 12 **(q) One member who is a representative of state or regional land use planning organiza-**
- 13 **tions.**
- 14 **(r) One member who is a representative of public health interests.**
- 15 **(s) One member who is a representative of small forestland owners.**
- 16 **(t) One member who is a representative of large forestland owners.**
- 17 **(u) One member who is a representative of economic development organizations.**
- 18 **(v) One member who is a representative of federally recognized Indian tribes.**
- 19 **(w) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association.**
- 20 **(x) Additional members as determined by the director in consultation with counties and**
- 21 **cities.**
- 22 **(3) The director and the State Forester shall make the joint appointments under sub-**
- 23 **section (2) of this section from nominations submitted by entities related to the represented**
- 24 **interest or entities. The related entities for appointments:**
- 25 **(a) Under subsection (2)(a), (b), (c) and (g) of this section is the League of Oregon Cities.**
- 26 **(b) Under subsection (2)(d), (e), (f) and (h) of this section is the Association of Oregon**
- 27 **Counties.**
- 28 **(c) Under subsection (2)(i) of this section is any one or more of the investor-owned util-**
- 29 **ities and consumer-owned utilities in this state.**
- 30 **(d) Under subsection (2)(j) of this section is the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.**
- 31 **(e) Under subsection (2)(k) of this section is the Special Districts Association of Oregon.**
- 32 **(f) Under subsection (2)(L) of this section is the Oregon Farm Bureau.**
- 33 **(g) Under subsection (2)(m) of this section is the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association.**
- 34 **(h) Under subsection (2)(n) of this section is the Oregon Association of Realtors.**
- 35 **(i) Under subsection (2)(o) of this section is the Oregon Home Builders Association.**
- 36 **(j) Under subsection (2)(p) of this section is the Oregon Property Owners Association.**
- 37 **(k) Under subsection (2)(q) of this section is 1000 Friends of Oregon.**
- 38 **(L) Under subsection (2)(r) of this section is the Oregon Health Authority.**
- 39 **(m) Under subsection (2)(s) of this section is the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.**
- 40 **(n) Under subsection (2)(t) of this section is the Oregon Forest & Industries Council.**
- 41 **(o) Under subsection (2)(u) of this section is Business Oregon.**
- 42 **(p) Under subsection (2)(v) of this section is one or more of the tribal governing bodies**
- 43 **for Indian tribes in this state.**
- 44 **(q) Under subsection (2)(w) of this section is the State Fire Marshal.**
- 45 **(4) In addition to the members described under subsection (2) of this section, the fol-**

1 **lowing shall serve as nonvoting members of the committee:**

2 **(a) One member appointed by the State Forester.**

3 **(b) One member appointed by the State Fire Marshal.**

4 **(c) One member appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority.**

5 **(d) One member appointed by the Environmental Justice Task Force.**

6 **(e) One member appointed by the director of the Institute for Natural Resources.**

7 **(f) One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Land Conservation and**
8 **Development.**

9 **(g) One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business**
10 **Services from the Division of Financial Regulation of the Department of Consumer and**
11 **Business Services.**

12 **(h) One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business**
13 **Services from department staff having expertise in building codes.**

14 **(5)(a) The President of the Senate, in consultation with the Senate Minority Leader, shall**
15 **appoint two members from among the members of the Senate to be nonvoting members of**
16 **the committee. The two members appointed under this paragraph may not be from the same**
17 **political party.**

18 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the House Minority**
19 **Leader, shall appoint two members from among the members of the House of Represen-**
20 **tatives to be nonvoting members of the committee. The two members appointed under this**
21 **paragraph may not be from the same political party.**

22 **(6) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the committee are nonvoting**
23 **members of the committee and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

24 **(7) The members of the committee shall elect a voting member to be chair of the com-**
25 **mittee and a voting member to be vice-chair, with all powers appropriate to those offices.**

26 **(8) The committee shall meet at times and places determined by the chair or by the Di-**
27 **rector of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. A majority of the voting**
28 **members shall be a quorum for the conducting of business. Official actions by the committee**
29 **require approval by a majority of the voting members.**

30 **(9) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall provide staff services**
31 **for the committee.**

32 **(10) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the committee who are members of the**
33 **Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-**
34 **teers on the committee. Other members of the committee are not entitled to reimbursement**
35 **for expenses and serve as volunteers on the committee. However, the Director of the De-**
36 **partment of Land Conservation and Development may, in the discretion of the director, re-**
37 **imburse voting members of the committee for unforeseen expenses from moneys available**
38 **for purposes of carrying out the functions of the committee.**

39 **SECTION 13. All agencies of state government as defined in ORS 174.111 are directed to**
40 **assist the Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee and the Department of Land**
41 **Conservation and Development in the performance of committee and department duties un-**
42 **der sections 14 and 15 of this 2020 Act.**

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44 **REGIONAL WILDFIRE RISK**
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1 **vant factors.**

2 (i) **Funding, staffing and other administrative resources necessary for state, county and**
3 **city governments to implement wildfire reduction programs, including, but not limited to, the**
4 **costs of program development, implementation and ongoing operations and the need for**
5 **stable long-term funding for the programs.**

6 (j) **A description of areas of agreement and disagreement among the departments and**
7 **members of the Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee.**

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9 **TREATMENT PROGRAM**

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11 **SECTION 16. (1) The State Forestry Department shall establish not more than 15**
12 **projects designed to reduce wildfire danger on public or private forestlands and rangelands**
13 **through the restoration of landscape resiliency and the reduction of hazardous fuel levels.**
14 **The department shall identify, design and oversee the implementation, administration,**
15 **maintenance and evaluation of the projects. In carrying out its functions regarding the**
16 **projects, the department shall, to the extent practicable, consult and cooperate with state**
17 **and federal agencies, counties, cities and other units of local government, public and private**
18 **forestland and rangeland owners, forest collaboratives and other relevant community or-**
19 **ganizations.**

20 (2) **The State Forestry Department shall:**

21 (a) **In collaboration with the Oregon State University Extension Service and other enti-**
22 **ties, identify strategic landscapes that are ready for treatment under the projects, giving**
23 **priority to projects:**

24 (A) **On lands currently approved for treatment projects under the National Environ-**
25 **mental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);**

26 (B) **On lands within areas identified as high fire risk areas in the Governor’s Council on**
27 **Wildfire Response November 2019: Report and Recommendations; and**

28 (C) **That focus on treatments protective of human life, property, critical infrastructure**
29 **or other public values;**

30 (b) **To the extent practicable, design the projects to:**

31 (A) **Evaluate varying types of fuel treatment methods;**

32 (B) **Leverage the collective power of public-private partnerships, federal funding and**
33 **state funding; and**

34 (C) **Optimize the receipt of federal government investments that equal or exceed depart-**
35 **ment investments;**

36 (c) **Design the projects to involve existing forest-based contracting entities;**

37 (d) **Design the projects to involve the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board or other**
38 **state agencies as needed;**

39 (e) **Affirmatively seek, and enhance opportunities for, collaboration from stakeholders**
40 **holding a wide variety of perspectives regarding forest management and opportunities for**
41 **significant involvement by communities in proximity to project sites; and**

42 (f) **Engage in careful monitoring of the project sites to produce useful information on**
43 **which to base recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.**

44 (3) **A project under this section may not include commercial thinning on:**

45 (a) **Inventoried roadless areas;**

1 (b) Riparian reserves identified in the Northwest Forest Plan or in Bureau of Land
2 Management resource management plans;

3 (c) Late successional reserves, except to the extent consistent with the 2011 United
4 States Fish and Wildlife Service Revised Recovery Plan for the Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix*
5 *occidentalis caurina*);

6 (d) Areas protected under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542), national
7 recreation areas, national monuments or areas protected under ORS 390.805 to 390.925;

8 (e) Designated critical habitat for species listed as threatened or endangered under the
9 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205) or by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission
10 under ORS 496.172, unless commercial thinning is already allowed under an existing envi-
11 ronmental review or recognized habitat recovery plan; or

12 (f) Federally designated areas of critical environmental concern or federally designated
13 wilderness study areas.

14 (4) The department shall give public notice, and allow reasonable opportunity for public
15 input, when identifying and selecting projects under this section.

16 SECTION 17. Section 16 of this 2020 Act does not expand, diminish or otherwise affect
17 any rights, privileges, duties or functions otherwise established under federal, state or local
18 laws, rules or regulations that pertain to the management of private lands in this state.

19 SECTION 18. (1) The State Forestry Department shall complete the operation of projects
20 under section 16 of this 2020 Act no later than June 30, 2021.

21 (2) The department shall report regarding progress in carrying out projects under section
22 16 of this 2020 Act and prescribed fire activities to an interim committee of the Legislative
23 Assembly related to natural resources, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and to the
24 Governor no later than December 1, 2020. The report shall include, but need not be limited
25 to:

26 (a) A summary of project selection, the initial outcome of project implementation activ-
27 ities, anticipated time frames for project completions and any initial findings or recommen-
28 dations resulting from project identification, design or implementation activities;

29 (b) A description of the funding source types and amounts secured by the department
30 as matching funds to implement projects; and

31 (c) A summary of forestland and rangeland treatment activities using prescribed fire to
32 reduce wildfire danger, the initial outcome of the prescribed fire activities, disincentives or
33 other factors affecting the carrying out of the prescribed fire activities, management of the
34 prescribed fire activities and any initial findings or recommendations resulting from the
35 prescribed fire activities.

36 (3)(a) The department shall report its findings and recommendations regarding wildfire
37 danger reduction on forestland and rangeland, based on information obtained from the
38 projects described in section 16 of this 2020 Act and from prescribed fire activities to an in-
39 terim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources, in the manner
40 provided by ORS 192.245, and to the Governor no later than September 15, 2021. The report
41 shall include, but need not be limited to:

42 (A) A qualitative and quantitative summary of the project outcomes that, at a minimum,
43 states the number of acres treated, the treatment actions carried out, the amount and
44 commercial value of timber harvested if not exempt from public disclosure and any resulting
45 or anticipated changes in landscape conditions related to enhanced resiliency or the miti-

1 **gation of wildfire risk to public values;**

2 **(B) The identification of barriers to more efficient implementation and achievement of**
3 **goals in future wildfire danger reduction projects;**

4 **(C) Recommendations for creating optimal working relationships with forest**
5 **collaboratives and other relevant community organizations regarding design, implementation**
6 **and cost recovery for future wildfire danger reduction projects;**

7 **(D) A description of the funding source types and amounts secured by the department**
8 **as matching funds to carry out projects;**

9 **(E) Recommendations for investment in future wildfire danger reduction projects;**

10 **(F) A qualitative and quantitative summary of the use of prescribed fire activities for**
11 **wildfire danger reduction that, at a minimum, states the number of acres burned and any**
12 **resulting or anticipated changes in landscape conditions related to enhanced resiliency or the**
13 **mitigation of wildfire risk to public values;**

14 **(G) The identification of existing disincentives to the use of prescribed fire;**

15 **(H) Recommendations regarding the appropriate standard of care for the use of pre-**
16 **scribed fire;**

17 **(I) Recommendations for facilitating the establishment of a statewide voluntary Pre-**
18 **scribed Burn Manager Certificate program; and**

19 **(J) Recommendations regarding means for increasing the quantity of wildfire danger re-**
20 **duction projects to achieve the scale of reduction envisioned as a 20-year goal in the**
21 **Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response November 2019: Report and Recommendations.**

22 **(b) In developing the report required under this subsection, the department shall work**
23 **in coordination with federal land management agencies, institutions of higher education and**
24 **third parties to develop consistent performance measurements and condition-based metrics**
25 **for monitoring and communicating the effectiveness of state investments, project actions**
26 **and prescribed fire activities in reducing wildfire danger on public or private forestlands and**
27 **rangelands.**

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29 **APPROPRIATIONS**

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31 **SECTION 19. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
32 **riated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium ending**
33 **June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$350,000, which may be expended by**
34 **the department for carrying out department activities under this 2020 Act.**

35 **SECTION 20. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
36 **riated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the**
37 **General Fund, the amount of \$24,438,279, which may be expended by the department for**
38 **carrying out department activities under this 2020 Act.**

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40 **CAPTIONS**

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42 **SECTION 21. The unit captions used in this 2020 Act are provided only for the conven-**
43 **ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any**
44 **legislative intent in the enactment of this 2020 Act.**

EMERGENCY

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SECTION 22. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.
