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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDFIRE RECOVERY
(at the request of Governor Kate Brown)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 762**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “wildfire” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Governor shall appoint a State Wildfire Pro-
5 grams Director to serve in the Office of the Governor at the pleasure
6 of the Governor.**

7 **“(2) The director shall:**

8 **“(a) Oversee implementation of any comprehensive wildfire pro-
9 gram adopted by the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly.**

10 **“(b) Coordinate and integrate activities of state agencies and other
11 entities that are required or authorized by the program in order to
12 optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.**

13 **“(c) Ensure compliance with program deadlines.**

14 **“(d) Monitor and assess any financial impacts of the program on
15 local jurisdictions and the equity of those financial impacts among the
16 jurisdictions.**

17 **“(e) Supervise staffing of the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council
18 described in section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

19 **“(f) Report at least every 60 days to the Governor, the President of
20 the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
21 chairs of relevant committees and interim committees of the Legisla-**

1 **tive Assembly to summarize progress on implementing the program,**
2 **note obstacles and opportunities related to the program and catalog**
3 **possibilities for future improvements to the program to further reduce**
4 **wildfire risk in this state.**

5 **“(g) Explore opportunities to reduce wildfire risk, in addition to the**
6 **program, including but not limited to engaging with:**

7 **“(A) Insurance companies regarding insurance policy coverage pro-**
8 **visions, underwriting standards, insurance rates and any other topics**
9 **relevant to enhancing the protection of property from wildfire at a**
10 **reasonable cost.**

11 **“(B) Electric utilities regarding further actions to protect public**
12 **safety, reduce risk to electric company customers and promote elec-**
13 **trical system resilience to wildfire damage.**

14 **“(C) Congressional delegations and federal agencies to expand op-**
15 **portunities for cost-share partnerships for wildfire mitigation and de-**
16 **velop strategies for improvements to federal fire management policies.**

17 **“SECTION 2. (1) There is established a Wildfire Programs Advisory**
18 **Council to advise and assist the State Wildfire Programs Director ap-**
19 **pointed in section 1 of this 2021 Act by:**

20 **“(a) Closely monitoring implementation of any comprehensive**
21 **wildfire program adopted by the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, in-**
22 **cluding implementation of aspects of the program that include**
23 **defensible space, building codes and land use applications of any com-**
24 **prehensive map of statewide wildfire risk.**

25 **“(b) Providing advice on ways to change the program to fulfill the**
26 **goal of dramatically reducing wildfire risk in this state and ensuring**
27 **that regional defensible space, building codes and land use applications**
28 **are appropriate.**

29 **“(c) Developing strategies to ensure promotion of the program and**
30 **buy-in from regions and communities.**

1 “(d) Reviewing any Department of Land Conservation and Develop-
2 ment findings and recommendations related to the program, identify-
3 ing the recommendations that the council believes should be advanced
4 to the Legislative Assembly for consideration in a future legislative
5 session and making additional recommendations related to needed
6 updates to the statewide land use planning program and local com-
7 prehensive plans and zoning codes to incorporate wildfire risk maps
8 and minimize wildfire risk to people, public and private property,
9 businesses, infrastructure and natural resources.

10 “(2) The council shall consist of 17 members appointed as follows:

11 “(a) Five members appointed by the Governor.

12 “(b) Five members appointed by the Association of Oregon Coun-
13 ties.

14 “(c) Three members appointed by the League of Oregon Cities.

15 “(d) Two members appointed by the Special Districts Association
16 of Oregon.

17 “(e) One member appointed by the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association.

18 “(f) One member appointed by the Oregon Fire District Directors
19 Association.

20 “(3) The term of service for each member is three years.

21 “(4) The members are eligible for reappointment.

22 “(5) The council shall elect a chair and vice-chair to serve for one-
23 year terms.

24 “(6) The members shall serve on the council as volunteers and are
25 not entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

26 “(7) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Depart-
27 ment of Land Conservation and Development, Office of the State Fire
28 Marshal and State Forestry Department shall each provide 0.15 of the
29 time of a full-time equivalent employee to:

30 “(a) Cooperatively staff the council.

1 **“(b) Attend council meetings as informational resources.**

2 **“(c) Assist with drafting reports at the request of the council.**

3 **“(d) Support the work of the State Wildfire Programs Director.**

4 **“(8) Each December the council shall submit a report to the Gov-**
5 **ernor and appropriate committees or interim committees of the Leg-**
6 **islative Assembly that describes progress on implementing program**
7 **activities related to defensible space, building codes, land use and**
8 **community emergency preparedness and that recommends improve-**
9 **ments.**

10 **“SECTION 3. (1) On or before September 1, 2021, members of the**
11 **Wildfire Programs Advisory Council established by section 2 of this**
12 **2021 Act must be appointed as described in section 2 (2) of this 2021**
13 **Act.**

14 **“(2) After September 1, 2021, any appointments not made as de-**
15 **scribed in section 2 (2) of this 2021 Act must be made by the Governor.**

16 **“SECTION 4. The Wildfire Programs Advisory Council established**
17 **by section 2 of this 2021 Act must make the first report described in**
18 **section 2 (8) of this 2021 Act in December 2022.**

19 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Wildfire Programs Advisory Council estab-**
20 **lished by section 2 of this 2021 Act shall submit a report on the rec-**
21 **ommendations described in section 2 (1)(d) of this 2021 Act to an**
22 **appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative As-**
23 **sembly, as described in ORS 192.245, on or before January 15, 2023.**

24 **“(2) The report shall be in addition to any other report required by**
25 **section 2 of this 2021 Act.**

26 **“SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate**
27 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
28 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**