

Senate Bill 1533

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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 **as introduced**.

Makes federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon eligible for certain grants related to clean air shelters and smoke filtration systems.

Increases minimum age for participation in Oregon Conservation Corps Program from 13 years of age to 16 years of age.

Instructs Department of Land Conservation and Development to identify recommended changes to statewide land use planning program and local comprehensive plans and zoning codes related to wildfire risk, and to report to Legislative Assembly, State Wildfire Programs Director and Wildfire Programs Advisory Council on recommended changes on or before October 1, 2022.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildfire; amending ORS 431A.410 and 476.694 and sections 11 and 14b, chapter 592,
3 Oregon Laws 2021.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 431A.410 is amended to read:

6 431A.410. (1) As used in this section, "smoke filtration system" means an air filtration system
7 capable of removing particulates and other harmful components of wildfire smoke in a public build-
8 ing.

9 (2) In consultation and coordination with the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Hu-
10 man Services shall establish and implement a grant program that allows local governments **and**
11 **federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon** to:

12 (a) Establish emergency clean air shelters.

13 (b) Equip public buildings with smoke filtration systems so the public buildings may serve as
14 cleaner air spaces during wildfire smoke and other poor air quality events.

15 (3) The department shall require grantees to provide access to the clean air shelters at no
16 charge.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 14b, chapter 592, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

18 **Sec. 14b.** No later than June 30, 2023, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, the
19 Department of Human Services shall report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the
20 Legislative Assembly, in the manner described in ORS 192.245, to the State Wildfire Programs Di-
21 rector and to the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council on:

22 (1) The grants administered pursuant to **ORS 431A.410** [*section 14 of this 2021 Act*], including
23 information about which local governments **and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon** re-
24 ceived grants.

25 (2) Any barriers to administering the grants.

26 (3) Areas for improving the grant program described in **ORS 431A.410** [*section 14 of this 2021*
27 *Act*].

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.

(4) Public health impacts from wildfire smoke events.

SECTION 3. ORS 476.694 is amended to read:

476.694. (1) The Oregon Conservation Corps Program is established for the purposes of:

(a) Reducing the risk wildfire poses to communities and critical infrastructure.

(b) Helping to create fire-adapted communities.

(c) Engaging youth and young adults in workforce training.

(2) Youth and young adults between [13] **16** years of age and 26 years of age who have been qualified by a youth development organization may participate in projects undertaken by the corps.

(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, participants in projects undertaken by the corps:

(a) Are not employees of the corps.

(b) Are exempt from prevailing wage laws.

(c) Must receive compensation for their participation of at least minimum wage or an allowance or stipend that, when combined with other sources of payment the participant is eligible to receive, including academic credit or an AmeriCorps education award, is equivalent to the value of minimum wage.

SECTION 4. Section 11, chapter 592, Oregon Laws 2021, is amended to read:

Sec. 11. (1) As used in this section, “defensible space” has the meaning given that term in **ORS 476.390** [section 8 of this 2021 Act].

(2) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall identify [updates] **recommended changes** to the statewide land use planning program and local comprehensive plans and zoning codes that are needed in order to incorporate wildfire risk maps and minimize wildfire risk, including the appropriate levels of state and local resources necessary for effective implementation.

(3) [Updates] **Recommended changes** may include, but need not be limited to, provisions regarding sufficient defensible space, building codes, safe evacuation and development considerations in areas of extreme and high wildfire risk, allowing for regional differences.

(4) On or before October 1, 2022, the department [of Land Conservation and Development] shall[:]

[(a) Complete the updates.]

[(b)] report to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to wildfire, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the State Wildfire Programs Director and to the Wildfire Programs Advisory Council on the [updates] **changes recommended by the department**. [The report must include recommendations concerning the updates.]

(5) As necessary to identify [needed updates and develop the recommendations required by subsection (4)(b) of this section] **recommended changes**, the department may consult with the State Fire Marshal, the State Forestry Department, the Department of Consumer and Business Services and local governments.