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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 9, 2023

Subject: SB 80 – Relating to wildfire
Work Session Recommendations

As amended by the recommended -A11 amendments, SB 80 revises existing statute regarding the statewide wildfire hazard map, changing the name and number of zone classifications, specifying a new community engagement process, and directing use of the map by state agencies. Several sections are included that make conforming amendments related to the wildfire hazard map changes.

The Landscape Resiliency Fund is established with monies in the fund continually appropriated to the Oregon Department of Forestry. A modification to the Community Risk Reduction Fund is included to allow additional funding sources to be deposited in the fund. The measure also expands grantee types for the Department of Human Services existing clean air, warming, and cooling shelter grant program, permitting grants to go to nonprofits and faith-based organizations, and for grants to be used for non-public buildings.

A Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program is established, administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund in the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Appropriations and fiscal expenditure provisions are included in the amendment that include:

- General Fund appropriations to the Oregon Department of Forestry for costs associated with update of the wildfire hazard map and for administration of the Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program totaling \$592,037
- A General Fund appropriation of \$5 million to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for deposit in the Prescribed Fire Claims Fund, and associated expenditure limitation for the purposes of paying claims for losses arising from a prescribed fire or cultural burn.

- General Fund appropriations to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University for updates to the wildfire hazard map.
- A General Fund appropriation to the State Fire marshal of \$3 million for deposit in the Community Risk Reduction Fund, and associated expenditure limitation from the fund.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –A11 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A11 amendment to SB 80. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 80, as amended by the –A11 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 80, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____