

A-Engrossed House Bill 2522

Ordered by the House April 3
Including House Amendments dated April 3

Sponsored by Representatives MARSH, MORGAN (Pre-session filed.)

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 governing body of county that contains at-risk land, as defined, to develop, or solicit proposals for development of, fire response plan or wildfire response plan.]

[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Instructs State Fire Marshal to establish Rural Structural Fire Protection Review Committee to review certain provisions concerning structural fire protection and report on review and related recommendations to one or more relevant committees or interim committees of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to plans for responding to fire; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Fire Marshal shall:

(a) Establish a Rural Structural Fire Protection Review Committee.

(b) Appoint persons to serve on the committee as soon as practicable after the effective date of this 2023 Act.

(2) The committee:

(a) Shall conduct a comprehensive review of the provisions of ORS chapter 478 that relate to structural fire protection.

(b) May not review provisions of ORS chapter 478 that relate to forestland assessment, field burning or consultation with the State Forestry Department.

(c) Shall, based on the review described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, develop recommendations to modernize and improve the structural fire protection operations of rural fire protection districts and to make the operations more efficient.

(d) Shall report on the review described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and the recommendations described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to one or more relevant committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.