House Bill 3353

Sponsored by Representative BOICE, Senator SMITH DB

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.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells agencies to study how wildfire affects water quality. The Act tells the agencies to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.2).

Requires the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Environmental Quality to study the impacts of wildfire on water quality of streams and tributaries. Directs the departments to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to water not later than September 15, 2026.

Sunsets January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the impacts of wildfire on water quality.

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

SECTION 1. **(1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Environmental Quality shall jointly study the impacts of wildfire on the water quality of streams and tributaries, in consultation with any other relevant state agencies.**

(2) At minimum, the study must assess how the first rains after a wildfire affect the water quality, and whether levels of turbidity and sediment change after a wildfire, paying particular attention to the potential infilling of colder, deeper salmonid habitat pools and to any subsequent effects on spawning gravel and beds from changes in fine sediment deposits and coverage.

(3) The departments shall jointly submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to water no later than September 15, 2026.

SECTION 2. **Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

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