

Senate Bill 1171

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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 DOJ to look at punitive damages in cases about wildfires and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Requires the Department of Justice to study punitive damages in civil actions related to wildfires. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary not later than September 15, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to punitive damages in cases related to wildfires.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall study punitive damages in civil actions re-**
5 **lated to wildfires. The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS**
6 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the**
7 **Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2026.**

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 Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

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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.