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Requested by Representative MARSH

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3172

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert:

SECTION 1. (1) In collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of the State Fire Marshal shall establish and implement a grant program called the Wildfire Prepared Structure Program to facilitate the retrofitting of dwellings existing on the effective date of this 2025 Act, as well as dwellings constructed following wildfire damage, to be resistant and resilient to wildfire.

9 "(2) To implement the program, the Department of the State Fire
10 Marshal shall:

"(a) Publish a list of eligible retrofits and materials that reduce the
 vulnerability of structures to wildfire and flying embers, as identified
 in section R327 of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code or other rel evant industry best practices and standards.

"(b) Consider the relative cost-effectiveness of the retrofits and
 materials.

"(c) Award individual grants to persons and block grants to coun ties for the counties to award as individual grants to persons.

"(d) Establish ranking and criteria for awarding individual grants
 that include a preference for projects that:

21 "(A) Benefit persons who live in the wildland-urban interface, as

1 defined pursuant to ORS 477.015 and 477.027.

"(B) Benefit persons who implement defensible space requirements
 described in ORS 476.392.

4 "(C) Benefit persons in socially vulnerable communities.

5 "(D) Benefit low-income persons who have demonstrated financial
6 need.

"(E) Benefit persons whose homes have been destroyed or significantly damaged by a wildfire for which authority has been exercised
under the Emergency Conflagration Act set out in ORS 476.510 to
476.610.

"(e) Establish formats by which persons who receive individual
 grants and counties that receive block grants must report to the State
 Fire Marshal.

14 **"(3) A person who receives an individual grant shall:** 

"(a) Complete the grant project on a timeline approved when the
 individual grant is awarded.

"(b) Report to the State Fire Marshal in a format designated pur suant to subsection (2)(e) of this section.

"(4) A county that receives a block grant shall report to the State
 Fire Marshal in a format designated pursuant to subsection (2)(e) of
 this section.

"(5) The department, and counties that receive block grants, shall
 accept applications for individual grants:

"(a) At least once per year, for dwellings existing on the effective
date of this 2025 Act, on a date or dates determined by the department.
"(b) As needed, for dwellings constructed following wildfire damage.
"(6) The department may adopt rules as needed to implement this
section, in consultation with other agencies, local governments, nongovernmental organizations and the Wildfire Programs Advisory
Council established by ORS 476.690.".

In line 12, after the period insert "This appropriation is available continuously until expended for the purpose specified in this section.".

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