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I support SB 1187. This year the Monkey Creek Fire rolled through the Ritter Community in NE Oregon, where my family owns agricultural land and a second home. Our home, built in 2000, was built with the best available information on how to prepare it for fire. Not only was our structure non impacted by the fire, but it served as a base camp for ODF firefighting teams working throughout the community. Some of our neighbors were not so lucky. There is a lot of anxiety about fire, insurance rates, and economic instability in the most fire-prone areas of Oregon. Creating a mechanism to support funding for home retrofits is a no-brainer. It will help educate homeowners and reduce barriers to upgrading older homes to the best available science and standards.

I encourage you to support SB 1187. Thank you.