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I strongly support Oregon House Bill 3944, which seeks to repeal the flawed wildfire hazard maps and burdensome state regulations introduced under SB 762. This legislation is a practical and necessary step toward restoring common sense to Oregon's wildfire management policies. By eliminating the chaotic and confusing aspects of the previous framework, such as the overreaching hazard designations, HB 3944 empowers local communities to take charge of wildfire preparedness in a way that reflects their unique needs and circumstances. It preserves effective programs that genuinely enhance safety—like voluntary defensible space initiatives and forest thinning—while ensuring taxpayer resources are directed where they can make the most impact. Passing HB 3944 is critical to protecting property owners' rights and improving Oregon's approach to wildfire resilience, making it a vital measure for the state's future.