

## SB 762 and Rangelands

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## **SB 762 Overview**

- Develops a statewide map of wildfire risk to inform decision-making and investment.
- Establishes defensible space standards and financial resources to protect communities from wildfire.
- Provides resources to protect vulnerable communities from wildfire smoke.
- Invests in community driven restoration of forests and rangelands to reduce wildfire risk.
- Requires new construction in high hazard areas be built with ignition resistant materials.
- Ensures safe and reliable electric utility systems before and during wildfire events.
- Adds firefighter capacity and air defense resources to provide improved wildfire response.
- Establishes a new youth and workforce training program to reduce wildfire risk to communities.
- Upgrades agency business systems for financial management, cost controls, and reporting.
- Appoints a Wildfire Programs Advisory Council to advise a new State Wildfire Programs Director.

## **Key Provisions for SageCon**

- **Section 7:** The State Forestry Department shall oversee the development and maintenance of a comprehensive statewide map of wildfire risk and populate the Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer.
- Sections 18-20: \$20 million to reduce wildfire risk through the restoration of landscape resiliency and the
  reduction of hazardous fuel on public or private forestlands and rangelands and in communities near
  homes and critical infrastructure.
- **Sections 18:** ODF shall develop a 20-year strategic plan, that prioritizes restoration actions and geographies for wildfire risk reduction. The plan will be used to direct federal, state and private investments.
- Sections 25-27: Establishes Certified Burn Manager program and clarifies/streamlines cross boundary prescribed fire planning and permitting to increase use of prescribed fire.
- **Section 28:** The State Forester, in collaboration with the State Fire Marshal, state agencies and local governments, shall adopt rules establishing baseline levels of wildfire protection for lands that are outside of forest protection districts and susceptible to wildfire.

