

Wildfire Programs Advisory Council: October 2022 Report

Updated outline (1 July 2022)

OVERALL CONSIDERATIONS FOR REPORT

Goal and purpose: To produce a high-quality report that meets the objectives set out in Section 36 of SB762. This report will be technically sound, fact-based, informative, and reflective of the diverse perspectives and insights of the council’s expertise. It will offer productive lessons learned and recommendations to advance fire prevention in Oregon.

- Target audience for the report is the Governor, legislature and appropriate committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly.
- Many aspects of the bill won’t be fully implemented at this point and there will be a report every October, so this isn’t a comprehensive account of all outcomes. The council’s purpose is described in Section 36 and this report should address that purpose.
- Need to establish clear and consistent terminology, tone, and visual appearance that will be aligned across the report.
- This report is owned by the council and will reflect what they want to say through the meaningful involvement of all 19 members in workgroup processes.

OUTLINE OF REPORT

1. Title page (EJ&Susan)

2. Acknowledgements and front matter details (EJ&Susan)

Include a glossary of terms and acronyms

3. Table of contents (EJ&Susan)

4. Executive summary (EJ&Susan)

5. Introduction (EJ&Susan)

- Context (history of SB762 and council, purpose and role of council as described in Section 36)
- Description of process used to develop report
- Overview of report

6. Summary of SB762 requirements and activities (EJ&Susan)

This report section need not be lengthy, but should provide information in an effective manner. This will involve:

- Using language and information aligned with Director’s reports.

- Providing a graphics and summary table easily depicting activities, who is responsible, and the interconnections. –*Susan and EJ can coordinate to make these internally with InDesign. Check w/ Doug for accuracy, appropriateness, esp any data used.*
- Offering a bill section-by-section summary in an appendix as in the Director’s reports.
- Organizing by the three goals of Cohesive Strategy

*Resilient Landscapes
Fire Adapted Communities
Safe and Effective Wildfire Response*

We will use a table and diagram for each goal, and then a master diagram showing how each of the three goals are connected.

7. Assess the progress and appropriateness of defensible space, building codes, and land use applications and how the wildfire risk map informs those (Workgroup #2)

- 7a. Summary of progress and recommendations for Section 7: Statewide map of wildfire risk
- Assess how statewide wildfire risk map informs codes, laws, rules, decisions in a regionally appropriate manner.
 - To be drafted by Dave Hunnicut

- i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
- ii. Implementation to date
- iii. Observations and recommendations

- 7b. Summary of progress and recommendations for Section 8: Defensible space
- Assess the application of defensible space requirements to vineyards, crops and other cultivated vegetation.
 - In draft status, submitted 6/30/22

- i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
- ii. Implementation to date
- iii. Observations and recommendations

- 7c. Summary of progress and recommendations for Section 11: Land use
- Review DLCDC findings and recommendations in their agency report, and make additional recommendations related to potential updates to the statewide land use planning program, local comprehensive plans, and zoning codes to incorporate wildfire risk maps and minimize wildfire risk to people, public and private property, businesses, infrastructure, and natural resources (to be added in December 2022/January 2023 once complete).
 - To be drafted by Mary Kyle McCurdy

- i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
- ii. Implementation to date

- iii. Observations and recommendations

7d. Summary of progress and recommendations for Section 12: Building codes

- o In draft status, submitted 6/30/22
 - i. Background and overview
 - ii. Implementation to date
 - iii. Observations and recommendations
 - a. Funding
 - b. Education
 - c. Policy gaps

7e. Insurance: this section has been added

- o To be drafted by Dave Hunnicutt

Consideration of socially and economically vulnerable communities in program development to be incorporated throughout/where appropriate and relevant.

8. Advancing fire protection and obstacles for the present and future of wildfire risk reduction in Oregon (Workgroup #3)

8a. Sections 2-6: Electric utilities wildfire plans/workshops

- o In draft status, submitted 6/30/22
 - i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
 - ii. Implementation to date
 - iii. Observations and recommendations
 - iv. Summary of recommendations

8b. Section 13-15: Public health

- o In draft status, submitted 6/30/22
 - i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
 - ii. Implementation to date
 - iii. Observations and recommendations

8c. Section 18: Wildfire risk reduction through landscape resiliency grants, small forestland grants, Firewise grants, 20-year plan

- o To be drafted by Jim McCauley /Susan Jane Brown
 - i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
 - ii. Implementation to date
 - iii. Observations and recommendations

8d. Section 21: Oregon Conservation Corps

- To be drafted by Nick Browne /Ian Yocum /Chase Browning
- i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
- ii. Implementation to date
- iii. Observations and recommendations

8e. Sections 25-27: Prescribed fire

- To be drafted by Amelia Porterfield / John O’Keeffe
- i. Background and overview of relevant bill section(s)
- ii. Implementation to date
- iii. Observations and recommendations

8.f. Description and recommendations about aspects of wildfire risk reduction that are not explicitly addressed in specific sections of the bill, but that are significant to Oregon’s economy and communities, including:

- Impacts and opportunities for advancing fire protection across wheat growing counties and rangelands.
- Describe what it means to reduce wildfire risk and how we might measure/identify outcomes that indicate a dramatic reduction of wildfire risk over the short, medium, and long term; and in different settings around the state. This addresses the first half of SB 762 (2) (b).
- Develop strategies to 1) strengthen intergovernmental and multiparty collaboration and enhancing collaboration between governments and stakeholders on an ongoing basis; and 2) enhance collaboration among governmental bodies and the general public to advance fire protection for Oregon.
- To be drafted by TBD.

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This chapter will also contain some engaging aspects: e.g., box vignettes offering examples of projects or efforts that show the cross-agency connections that meet multiple objectives; visuals and photos of the work being done, people, and identifiable (and measurable when possible) outcomes to date.-->Leads for obtaining these pieces TBD.

9. Summary of recommendations, looking to the future, and conclusion (Workgroup #1)

9a. Summary of key insights and recommendations from across the report

9b. Assessment of the Director’s “catalog of future possibilities” to advance fire protection in Oregon

9c. Future investment considerations to sustain SB 762 programs into the next biennium

9d. Conclusion

10. Appendices (EJ&Susan)

- Appendix A: Section by section bill summary
- Appendix B: List of WPAC members and representation, including workgroup rosters
- Additional appendices as needed