



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Staff Updates for Wildfire Mitigation Amendments - Senate Bill 762

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

*Staff is updating the Board of County Commissioners (Board) regarding possible code amendments related to wildfire hazard mitigation. Staff last updated the Board concerning wildfire hazard mitigation during a work session on February 24, 2021. During that meeting, staff outlined the results of the public outreach program concerning new defensible space standards and fire resistant building codes. Staff provided the Board with background information for proposed building code and defensible space amendments including exceptions, applicable geographic areas, a discussion of the County's current defensible space standards, and programmatic examples from other jurisdictions. Finally, staff combined the information into an initial framework for establishing any new wildfire mitigation standards in rural Deschutes County.*

*During the 2021 state legislative session, a number of bills were introduced related to wildfire mitigation. On June 26, 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 762, which has significant impacts on wildfire mitigation efforts across all jurisdictions in Oregon including Deschutes County. This report will summarize the relevant components of SB 762 related to building codes, land use/defensible space requirements, and statewide risk assessments.*

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

*None*

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Kyle Collins, Associate Planner*

*Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner*

*Ed Keith, County Forester*

*Peter Gutowsky, Planning Manager*

*Nick Lelack, Community Development Director*