

COIN SB 509 Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Program Worksheet for 2023

Bill Number: SB 509-1 community-based programs for reducing wildfire risk

Brief Description of Bill:

Establishes a community risk reduction program in the office of the State Fire Marshal, that includes three main components.

- A need-based community risk reduction grant program
- A neighborhood protection cooperative program
- A home-hardening assistance program

Three other notable features include

- Establishment of a central user-friendly public website that clearly describes all programs, grant opportunities and citizen input processes
- Establishment of inter-agency data collection program
- Regular and frequent reporting schedule by the State Fire Marshall to the agencies

This bill refines and operationalizes a number of programs/processes legislated in SB762 (passed during a previous session), particularly with respect to coordinating the myriad of agencies involved.

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1. Research topic – please highlight which category best fits your bill:

• Climate Energy Environment	• Education
• Housing/Houselessness	• Transportation
• Campaign Finance Reform	• Economics
• Immigration/Social Justice	• Crime/Criminal Justice
• Healthcare/Gun Safety	• Other:

2. The bill's Legislative champions – sponsors, co-sponsors:

Chief sponsors: Senator Golden, Dembrow, Representative Grayber

Regular sponsors: Senator Frederick, Jama, Representative Gomberg, Hartman, Hieb, Holvey, Marsh, Nelson

3. The bill's legislative opponents: none identified

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4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available. See #11 below

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it? See #11 below

6. What is the likelihood that the bill will pass? Very likely

7. What is your recommendation regarding whether COIN should take a position on this bill?

You may want to consider the following criteria but are not required to do so:

- a. Does COIN or other progressive groups across the state care strongly about this issue? yes
- b. Does this bill protect or expand the rights of marginalized populations? yes
- c. Does this bill help change the rules and structures of the democratic system to make it work better? no
- d. Is this an issue area that is entirely controlled by the states or an issue over which states have a great deal of power?
- e. Is this fight winnable? yes
- f. Would constituent power add value and make a difference? yes
- g. Other considerations?

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s). (scheduled committee hearings, votes, lobby days, other scheduled advocacy, phone banks, post card parties, etc.)

Public hearing 2/6; -1 amendment introduced

9. What activities does the advocacy group wish to mobilize COIN members or other activists to engage in? (phone calling, post cards, emails, LTEs, lobby days, other?) email representatives

10. Are there any media contacts?

11. Is there any other important information about your bill?

At least 12 individuals with various backgrounds testified – NGOs, Western Environmental Law Center, Fire Chiefs, County Commissioners, Oregon Conservation Corps. All were supportive of the bill and many had reasonable suggestions for clarification and improvements to the bill.

Comments included:

- Incentive-driven approach, rather than regulation based
- **Leverages significant Federal match funding opportunities**
- Counties NEED to be included in the programs
- Work of Oregon Conservation Corps on SB762 programs has been noteworthy