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**Rep. Paul Evans Statement on Committee Assignment as  
New Chair of the House Interim Special Committee on  
Wildfire Recovery**

SALEM, OR - Today [Representative Paul Evans](#) (D- Monmouth and Independence) releases a statement following his appointment as Chair of the House Interim Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery. Speaker Kotek created this committee before the 2021 Legislative Session to help communities devastated by the historic 2020 wildfire season recover.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to take the baton from former Representative Brian Clem and continue the work of the committee.

"Oregon shows what is possible; our initial efforts as a Legislature have made a significant difference in the lives of thousands of Oregonians. Legislation like Senate Bill 762 that will create fire-adapted communities and more resilient landscapes; House Bill 2927, which streamlines state emergency response and recovery systems; and House Bill 2021 that invests in new rural and coastal community jobs to secure 100% clean energy by 2040, have all played a crucial role.

"Of course, our work is not done. We must continue to reimagine how we prepare and respond to this new reality. Moving forward, I look to lead the committee in building upon the work accomplished and develop new policies that secure greater resiliency for our future."

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