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## **Wildfire Response Modernization Passes Oregon Senate**

*Senate Bill 80 simplifies and increases citizen input for the statewide wildfire risk map and funds resilience*

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, Oregon takes a significant step forward in addressing wildfire risks and promoting community resilience with the passage of [Senate Bill 80](#). Building upon the foundation laid by the 2019 legislature's comprehensive wildfire preparedness bill, SB 762, this new legislation will strengthen the state's wildfire preparedness efforts.

"We can protect Oregon in wildfire seasons to come only through partnership with the people on the frontlines preventing and fighting wildfires," said **Senator Jeff Golden (D - Ashland), who championed the legislation**. "Strong collaboration needs to guide investments that will protect our communities and the immensely dedicated firefighters who put their lives on the line to protect us."

SB 80 focuses on developing an advanced Wildfire Hazard Map to identify areas at risk of wildfires based on climate, weather, topography, and vegetation. This map will help guide targeted investments to protect communities and improve their resilience. To ensure successful implementation, the bill establishes a robust community engagement process that emphasizes the involvement of county leaders.

To provide the necessary financial support for these initiatives, SB 80 also establishes the Landscape Resiliency Fund.

Protecting against wildfires is a key component of [Senate Democrats' 2023 Oregon Works agenda](#).

SB 80 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, SB 80 now moves to the House for consideration.

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