



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republican Leader to Advocate for Wildfire Relief in Upcoming 2021 Long Session

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Lyons) released two bills for the 2021 Long Session at the request of Marion and Linn Counties that provide common-sense relief to victims of the devastating wildfires last summer.

Senator Girod issued this statement:

“As it currently stands, Oregonians who are still reeling from the wildfires are required to pay full property taxes for homes or structures that were destroyed. My proposed legislation delays and reduces property tax payments, a common-sense fix because Oregonians should focus their resources on the process of rebuilding.

“The second concept directs counties to allow restoration or replacement of homes, farms or other structures that may be nonconforming to current county building standards. For example, a barn by a river could be restored in the same location.

“On a more personal level, the communities near me and in my district suffered staggering losses from the fires. I am dedicated to advocating for wildfire victim relief in the upcoming long session.”

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