

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6120 SB	<b>Title:</b> Wildland urban interface
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Enterprise Services	.0	68,400	68,400	68,400	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	.3	87,900	87,900	87,900	.3	87,900	87,900	87,900	.0	0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Enterprise Services	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6120 SB	<b>Title:</b> Wildland urban interface	<b>Agency:</b> 179-Department of Enterprise Services
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State      001-1	14,400	54,000	68,400	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>	14,400	54,000	68,400	0	0

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

*The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.*

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 2(1)(a) amends RCW 19.27.074 and 2018 c 207 s 4 adding language that states the Wildland Urban Interface Codes must be consistent with RCW 19.27.560.

Subsection 3(1) replaces the mapping of wildland urban interface areas with a map of areas at greatest risk from wildland fire.

Subsection 3(4) is a new subsection that states that all counties, cities, and towns may complete their own map of areas at greatest risk from wildfire for use in applying the code enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Any map adopted by counties, cities, and towns must utilize the same or substantially similar criteria as the map required by subsection (1) of this section.

Subsection 3(5) is a new subsection that states that all counties, cities, and towns issuing commercial and residential building permits for parcels in the areas identified as high risk and very high risk on the map required by subsection (1) of this section or adopted according to subsection (4) of this section shall apply the code enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

Section 4 is a new section and states this act takes effect immediately.

This bill requires the adoption of updated wildland urban interface codes, which will require the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to hold additional council and technical advisory group meetings.

This has fiscal impact to the Department of Enterprise Services.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Sections 1, 2 and 3 amend various chapters in 19.27 RCW that requires the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to update the Wildland Urban Interface Codes. Section 4 states this takes effect immediately.

SBCC currently uses the Department of Natural Resources Wildland Urban Interface map. Section 3 requires a different map be used. SBCC will need to utilize an existing map from a reputable source, such as another state or federal agency, to meet the intent of this legislation.

The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) assumes implementation of this proposed legislation would require additional Council and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meetings, public hearings, and testimony.

The SBCC would need to meet for an additional three council meetings with eight council members, ten advisory meetings with two members, two public hearings with one member, and five executive committee meetings with six members to establish these codes. Travel costs for an SBCC member to attend a meeting are as follows:

- Round-trip air travel \$527
- Per Diem \$311
- Rental car \$50
- Parking \$12
- Total \$900/day

Travel Cost breakout:

3 Council Meetings X \$900 X 8 members = \$21,600  
 10 Advisory Meetings X \$900 X 2 members = \$18,000  
 2 Public Hearings X \$900 X 1 member = \$1,800  
 5 Executive Committee Meetings X \$900 X 6 members = \$27,000  
 Total travel costs: \$68,400

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	14,400	54,000	68,400	0	0
<b>Total \$</b>			14,400	54,000	68,400	0	0

#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel	14,400	54,000	68,400		
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	14,400	54,000	68,400	0	0

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

#### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

### Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

#### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

#### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 6120 SB	<b>Title:</b> Wildland urban interface	<b>Agency:</b> 490-Department of Natural Resources
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	0	87,900	87,900	87,900	0
<b>Total \$</b>	0	87,900	87,900	87,900	0

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

*The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.*

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 1 describes state building codes to be in effect in all counties and cities

Section 2 concerns the state building code council and duties to adopt and maintain codes, approve or deny all county or city amendments and more.

Section 3 (1) states that the state building code shall consist of certain specified parts of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, published by the International Code Council, upon completion of a statewide map of areas at greatest risk from wildland fire.

Section 3(2) Allows that all counties, cities, and towns may adopt the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, or any portion thereof.

Section 3(4) Allows that all counties, cities, and towns may complete their own map of areas at greatest risk from wildfire for use in applying the code enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The same or substantially similar criteria must be used in any map adopted by counties, cities, and towns to that used in subsection (1) of this section.

Forest Resilience assumes responsibility in providing technical assistance in gathering, compiling, and working with local entities in the creation of maps outlining areas of greatest risk from wildland fire.

Section 3(5) directs all counties cities and towns issuing commercial and residential building permits for parcel identified as high risk or very high risk on the map(s) specified in this bill to apply the code as enumerated in Sec 3 (1) and (2).

Section 4 States that this act is necessary for immediate preservation of public peace health or safety and takes effect immediately.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Section 3(4) Allows that all counties, cities, and towns may complete their own map of areas at greatest risk from wildfire for use in applying the code enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The same or substantially similar criteria must be used in any map adopted by counties, cities, and towns to that used in subsection (1) of this section.

Forest Resilience assumes that we would provide technical assistance in gathering, compiling, and working with local entities in the creation of maps outlining areas of greatest risk from wildland fire.

This estimated technical assistance can be calculated as a Forest Resilience Fire Specialist (NRS4) at .5 FTE rate for two years.

This amounts to \$87,900 per fiscal year for a total of \$87,900 in FY25, and \$87,900 in the 25-27 BN for FY26.

Additional ongoing support beyond these two years in terms of data management and updating is indeterminate currently.



Goods and services and travel are calculated on actual program averages per person.

Administrative costs are calculated at 31% of staff salary and benefits and staff-related goods and services and travel. For fiscal note purposes, this cost is represented as a Fiscal Analyst 2 position (.155 FTE).

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	0	87,900	87,900	87,900	0
<b>Total \$</b>			0	87,900	87,900	87,900	0

#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.7	0.3	0.3	
A-Salaries and Wages		45,800	45,800	45,800	
B-Employee Benefits		15,900	15,900	15,900	
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services		5,800	5,800	5,800	
G-Travel		500	500	500	
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		19,900	19,900	19,900	
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	0	87,900	87,900	87,900	0

#### III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Fiscal Analyst 2	58,107		0.2	0.1	0.1	
Natural Resource Scientist 4	91,524		0.5	0.3	0.3	
<b>Total FTEs</b>			0.7	0.3	0.3	0.0

#### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

### Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

#### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

#### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

#### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

## **Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 6120 SB

Title: Wildland urban interface

## Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

### Legislation Impacts:

- Cities: Cities could adopt locally specific wildland urban interface maps to determine where to apply the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.
- Counties: Same as above for counties.
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

## Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: Creating and adopting wildfire risk maps that are similar to the statewide wildfire risk map developed by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time: Number of jurisdictions that would adopt locally specific wildfire risk maps.

### Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

### Estimated expenditure impacts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

## Part III: Preparation and Approval

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OFM Review: Val Terre	Phone: (360) 280-3973	Date: 01/26/2024

## **Part IV: Analysis**

### **A. SUMMARY OF BILL**

*Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.*

This legislation would bill enumerate the portions of the international wildland urban interface code it would enact and allow local governments to use a statewide version of a map of areas at greatest risk from wildland fires, or local governments could complete their own fire risk maps so long as these maps are substantially similar to the Department of Natural Resources' wildland fire risk map. Irrespective of the map used, all local governments that issue commercial and residential permits for areas identified as high and very high risk would be required to enforce the Wildland Urban Interface Code as adopted by the State Building Code Council for these structures.

Sec. 1 would amend the State Building Code statute so that only portions of the International Wildlife Urban Interface Code (WUI Code), as specifically referenced in RCW 19.27.560, applies to State Building Code.

Sec. 2 would amend the responsibilities of the State Building Code Council to amend the WUI Code so that it is consistent with RCW 19.27.560.

Sec. 3 would amend International WUI Code statute to allow for counties, cities, and towns to complete their own fire risk maps so long as these maps are substantially similar to the Department of Natural Resources' wildland fire risk map. These maps would be used to determine areas with the greatest fire risk and where to apply the WUI Code. All counties, cities, and towns that issue commercial and residential building permits for areas identified as high and very high risk by either the state or the locally adopted WUI map, must apply the WUI Code for those structures.

Sec. 4 is an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2018, RCW 19.27.560 set a timeline for incorporating portions of the International Code Council's 2018 International Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code into the State Building Code, as well as completing a statewide map of WUI areas. In 2020, the Building Code Council began considering proposals for a WUI Code, and several local governments in the state already have already adopted parts of the international code, including the cities of Chelan and Spokane, and Yakima and Kittitas counties. (Municipal Research and Services Center)

### **B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS**

*Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This legislation would have indeterminate, but minor impacts on local government expenditures.

There would be no impact on local government expenditures for the provision in Sec. 3(4) as it does not require counties, cities, or towns to create a different wildland urban interface map that is locally specific. The act gives local governments' greater discretion to implement locally specific fire risk maps, should the county, city, or town decide that to be a more appropriate option. If a county, city, or town chose to create their own fire risk map that is substantially similar to the Department of Natural Resources' wildland fire risk map, they would be doing so a local option. The number of jurisdictions that would undertake this work cannot be known in advance.

There may be de minimis to minor expenditure impacts to update forms, internal processes, and training resources for jurisdictions with wildland urban interface (WUI) risks that qualify for permitting processes that make use of the WUI Code in Sec 3(5) of this act. The number of jurisdictions that these costs would apply to is not currently known, but it is likely in all fire prone areas of the state, as well as areas where fire risk has been increasing. However, these costs would likely already be anticipated by affected local governments as the implementation of the State Building Code exists on three-year cycles and updates to the existing code, including the WUI Code are available on the State Building Code Council website for review before their adoption.

To be in compliance with the 2021 State Building Code update, which is scheduled to take effect March 15, 2024, all counties, cities, and towns would be required to update the State Building Code within their local code. These jurisdictions would need to adopt the new State Building Code by reference, or present alternative heightened codes for approval to the State Building Code Council. In jurisdictions that adopt amendments to State Building Code, there would be additional indeterminate costs related to review of local building code, adoption, and passage of the ordinance making the change to such code.

### **C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS**

*Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.*

This bill would not have revenue impacts on local governments.

#### **SOURCES:**

Department of Enterprise Services, State Building Code Council

Department of Natural Resources

Local Government Fiscal Note Program, FN SB 6109 (2018)

Local Government Fiscal Note Program, Unit Cost Model, (2024)

Municipal Research Services Center

Senate Bill Report, SB 6120 (2024)