

Summary of work on HJ62 (wildfire prevention, resilience)

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
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WHAT IS HJ62?

House Joint Resolution 62 ([Study of wildfire prevention, resilience](#)) asks the [Environmental Quality Council](#) to examine:

- the scope of wildfire impacts on communities
- the role of wildfire-focused land use planning in supporting effective wildfire response
- the current legal and policy framework regarding wildfire resilience in Montana
- solution that can alleviate risk in Montana

WHAT'S IN THE EQC WORK PLAN FOR HJ62?

- Review relevant laws, policies, and legal decisions
- Panel discussion with firefighters, planners, builders, homeowners
- Summarize related information from other states
- Deliverables: Brief report, legislation

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

On Oct. 22, DNRC staff introduced the topic, discussing the department's [Wildfire Risk Assessment tool](#) and its [2020 Montana Wildfire Risk Assessment report](#).

WHAT'S ON THE JAN. 13 AGENDA?

At the suggestion of a council member, council staff invited two speakers (Headwaters Economics and Grant Co. (Colo.) Sheriff's Office) to discuss wildfire impacts and costs to communities.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

The council and work plan will direct the next step of the HJ62 study, which may include a panel discussion on [homeowners](#) insurance issues related to wildfires, the legal and policy framework in Montana, and solutions to alleviate risk.

The council meets next on March 24 or 25.