

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1071 creates the Wildland Fire Act and the Wildland Fire Mitigation Program Act. The measure provides that a person who negligently, recklessly, or intentionally causes or spreads a wildland fire shall be liable for the injuries arising from the ownership of property which result from that wildland fire. Electric utilities shall not be considered liable if the facilities and operations complied with the requirements of the Corporation Commission and the National Electric Safety Code. The measure provides that the awards for damages shall not include punitive damages or treble damages of any kind and shall be the lesser of cost to restore the real property or the difference between the fair market value of the real property before the wildland fire and the fair market value of the real property after the wildland fire.

The measure also directs the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to implement a wildland fire mitigation program within its existing conservation programs in consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. The Commission is authorized to establish and revise guidelines for the program. The Commission shall also establish a wildland fire mitigation pilot program to test and refine fire mitigation strategies. The pilot program shall focus on a geographical area encompassing regions affected by wildland fires of at least 40,000 acres within the past 10 years. The measure also creates the Wildland Fire Mitigation Program Revolving Fund.

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