

House headed for vote on pandemic relief bill

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WASHINGTON — Members of House were debating the \$1.9 trillion package aimed at helping the country rebuild from the pandemic Friday night, and the legislation seemed headed toward passage.

A virtual party-line House vote was expected on the COVID-19 relief measure, which embodies President Joe Biden's push to flush cash to individuals, businesses, states and cities. The White House issued a statement reinforcing its support for the new president's paramount initial goal.

"The bill would allow the administration to execute its plan to change the course of the COVID-19 pandemic," it said. "And it would provide Americans and their communities an economic bridge through the crisis."

Republicans have lined up against the plan, calling it an overpriced and wasteful attempt to help Dem-

ocratic allies like labor unions and Democratic-run states.

A look at highlights of the legislation:

More checks

The legislation provides a rebate that amounts to \$1,400 for a single taxpayer, or \$2,800 for a married couple that files jointly, plus \$1,400 per dependent. Individuals earning up to \$75,000 would get the full amount as would married couples with incomes up to \$150,000.

The size of the check would shrink for those making slightly more with a hard cut-off at \$100,000 for individuals and \$200,000 for married couples.

Bigger tax breaks for households with kids

Under current law, most taxpayers can reduce their federal income tax bill by up to \$2,000 per child. The package moving through the House

would increase the tax break to \$3,000 for every child age 6 to 17 and \$3,600 for every child under the age of 6.

Aid to states and cities

The legislation would send \$350 billion to state and local governments and tribal governments. While Republicans in Congress have largely objected to this initiative, Biden's push has some GOP support among governors and mayors.

Aid to schools

The bill calls for \$130 billion in additional help to schools for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The money would be used to reduce class sizes and modify classrooms to enhance social distancing, install ventilation systems and purchase personal protective equipment. The money could also be used to increase the hiring of nurses, counselors and to pro-

vide summer school.

Spending for colleges and universities would be boosted by \$40 billion, with the money used to defray an institution's pandemic-related expenses and to provide emergency aid to students to cover expenses such as food and housing and computer equipment.

Aid to businesses

The bill provides another round of relief for airlines and eligible contractors, \$15 billion, so long as they refrain from furloughing workers or cutting pay through September. It's the third round of support for airlines.

A new program for restaurants and bars hurt by the pandemic would receive \$25 billion. The grants provide up to \$10 million per entity with a limit of \$5 million per physical location. The grants can be used to cover payroll, rent, utilities and

other operational expenses.

Aid to the unemployed

Expanded unemployment benefits from the federal government would be extended, with an increase from \$300 a week to \$400 a week. That's on top of what beneficiaries are getting through their state unemployment insurance program.

Minimum wage

The bill would gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour by June 2025 and then adjust it to increase at the same rate as median hourly wages. However, that provision is not expected to survive in the final bill. The Senate parliamentarian ruled that it cannot be included in the COVID-19 economic relief package under the process Democrats chose to undertake to get a bill passed with a simple majority.

Wildfires

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Two years ago, commissioners tasked a citizen committee to look into whether new building code standards aimed at making homes more resilient to fires should be applied, and if so, where in the county they would be required.

The state in 2019 introduced stricter building code regulations for new construction in wildfire-prone areas. The amended code prohibits things such as flammable roofs and requires features, including fire-resistant siding and ventilation openings that are covered by nonflammable material.

Local governments, however, have the discretion to decide how and where these regulations are applied.

As a part of this effort, the citizen committee evaluated a map that shows where wildfire hazards are in the county since 2001. An area is considered at risk for wildfire based on things like topography, weather and how much fuel the land has — like shrubbery, grass



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A damaged guardrail along state Highway 22 near Gates in October 2020. Nearly 10 miles of guardrails across the state were damaged during wildfires and will need to be replaced.

or trees, according to Oregon Department of Forestry standards.

This map puts the whole county in a wildfire hazard

zone.

According to the committee's final report, which was discussed by commissioners Wednesday, the committee

was split as to whether the zone should apply to the whole county or just in sub regions, with five of the 11 committee members recommending the

new codes should only apply to new development in sub regions primarily in the west side of the county. The main concern of this faction was the cost that would be incurred to developers to implement the new regulations, and that they should only be implemented in the most vulnerable parts of the county, said Kyle Collins, an associate planner with Deschutes County.

The other six advocated for keeping the wildfire hazard zone as is, saying that putting the whole county in the hazard zone is the most accurate reflection of wildfire risk, and that the subregions proposed by the other half of the group were arbitrary, Collins said.

The commission agreed with the majority. Commissioner Phil Chang said no place is inherently safe, and that's important to make sure people's houses have the best chance at survival if fire arrives on their doorstep.

"We have extreme fire weather on a regular basis," Chang said on Wednesday. "It's not every day, but it doesn't have to be every day. It just has

to be that one day."

But Chang said these state rules don't go far enough. While the regulations would be for any new development in the wildfire hazard zone, if more than 50% of the lots in a subdivision have already been built out before these regulations, the new structures also don't have to follow these regulations, according to a county presentation.

"The wildfire hazard zone we're looking at is swiss cheese," Chang said. "There are a lot of homes yet to be built that have been exempted out with this."

The commission is tracking several wildfire bills going through the state Legislature before making a decision as to whether the county will adopt these regulations or not.

There are multiple bills being considered that address making buildings of all kinds more fire resistant and look at wildfire hazard mapping, which could all supersede local efforts in Deschutes County if passed.

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