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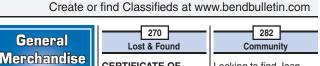
The bill sets a deadline of Sept. 30, 2025, for the start of reconstruction in these areas. It allows the square footage of replacement houses to be up to 10% more than the original. Structures do have to comply with building codes in effect in



needed to gather resources and begin construction," Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, said. "Affected landowners want nothing more than to be back in place. Rebuilding is a marathon, not a sprint? Marsh and Rep. Jami Cate,

R-Lebanon, are from wildfire-ravaged areas. We've heard testimony from

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January 2008 or at the time of original construction, whichever is later.

Clem said the bill has an exception for reconstruction in federally designated floodplains, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency can set requirements for property owners to take part in the national flood insurance program.

It follows up House Bill 3272, which also cleared the House last week and went to the Senate. Under it, people who lost their homes in the 2020 Labor Day wildfires would get a minimum of two years under insurance policies to repair or rebuild, and other insurance protections.

On a percentage basis, Clem said, more homeowners (25%) are in the building permit process in Detroit than in Paradise, California, which was destroyed in 2018. However, the mid-2020 population estimate

Graduation

"It just won't be the same

with the numbers, but it'll still

be a great celebration," Crook

in high risk, according to the

Jefferson County is currently

Everyone in attendance will

Madras High students voted

also be socially distanced, and

face masks will be required,

to have one large ceremony,

but allowing more visitors.

with fewer visitors, instead of

was split in half," said Madras

18, who will graduate with her

twin brother, Grayson. "I don't

mind having limited family, be-

High senior Olivia Symons,

dividing the senior class in half

"It wouldn't be the same if it

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governor's office.

Crook said.

said.

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

A fire burns in Clackamas County the week of Sept. 9.

for Detroit — which is east of Salem — was 205, the same as in the 2010 Census. Paradise counted 26,800 people in 2010; it was barely 10% of that total in a 2019 count taken six months after the fire.

Nonconforming use reset

Senate Bill 405, which goes to the governor, redefines what a nonconforming land use is. For example, a retail store can operate in an area that has become a residential neighborhood.

Under current law, nonconforming uses can continue indefinitely — unless there is an interruption in that use, such as inactivity or abandonment of a property, for one year. The bill resets the one year to start once the governor lifts the state of emergency that caused the interruption.

For the coronavirus pandemic, Brown has imposed a state of emergency since March 2020 and renewed her order every 60 days. The latest order is scheduled to end June 28.

"It provides a little bit of breathing room to ensure that owners of nonconforming properties have the time

cople feeling that their only hope of meeting this requirement is to choose a quicker option - whether that is predesigned-building plans that don't quite fit their needs, or manufactured homes - rather than risk waiting for stick-built structures," Cate said.

"Let's give wildfire victims the time they need to navigate obstacles to rebuild their lives."

Marsh said a different section of the bill is intended to help organizations such as the Oregon Country Fair, which was unable in July 2020 to stage its three-day fair on its property in Veneta, about 15 miles west of Eugene. The fair has announced that its July 2021 event also will be virtual.

The bill ensures that the fair can retain a nonconforming-use status for its property if it holds an event within one year after the governor lifts her COVID-19 emergency order. pwong@pamplinmedia.com

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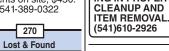
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cause the only people coming would be my two parents we live with."

Fellow Madras senior Seth Colton, 18, said he was excited to have a classic graduation.

"It feels pretty good to actually get to walk across the stage with the kids I've gone to school with, from kindergarten until now," he said. "It'll be our big last hurrah."

The four school districts in Deschutes and Crook counties are also planning outdoor graduations — but they also all have backup plans in case COVID-19 counts continue to rise locally.

The governor's office lists Deschutes and Crook counties in extreme risk for COVID-19, one step higher than Jefferson County.

Seniors at Bend-La Pine's

four larger high schools -Bend, Mountain View, Summit and La Pine — will either have a large ceremony at their respective football stadiums, or a one-by-one individual diploma walk like 2020, said district spokesperson Alandra Johnson. If Deschutes County is still in extreme risk on May 17, the district will go with the second plan, she said.

Redmond and Ridgeview high schools have a similar plan, said spokesperson Sheila Miller.

Both school districts traditionally held graduations inside the expo center at the Deschutes County fairgrounds, but state restrictions on indoor events prompted the schools to host events outdoors.

Crook County High School will also cancel its plans for a

ceremony at its football stadium if the county is still in extreme risk, said spokesperson Jason Carr.

However, the COVID-19safe ceremony of a graduate car parade through Prineville, which began last year, will be repeated regardless of the risk level, he said.

"It proved to be really, really popular," Carr said. "It's something that's probably going to become a yearly tradition, regardless of COVID."

Sisters High School is also planning a ceremony at its football stadium. If case counts are too high by early June, then students will do a drive-in ceremony at the Sisters Rodeo grounds like last year, said principal Joe Hosang. Reporter: 541-617-7854, jhogan@bendbulletin.com