
OREGON RV DEALERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 2809

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Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon RV Dealers Association (ORVDA) represents franchised RV dealers across Oregon.

ORVDA supports House 2809. As many of our fellow Oregonians are still in the very initial stages of recovering and rebuilding after last year's historic wildfires, providing both inexpensive and comfortable long-term temporary housing options is an important step in the right direction for these families. Permitting RVs to be on the property of an uninhabitable residence for up to two years offers stability to these families. It allows them to protect their property as they rebuild. And, it allows them better oversight and participation in the construction of their new residence.

As the committee knows, in many of the rural burn scars most -- if not all -- local hotels were also destroyed by the wildfires. As a result, there are no rooms to occupy near destroyed residences. The prospect of requiring property owners to travel many miles roundtrip from neighboring communities simply adds cost and time to an already difficult recovery process.

ORVDA requests the House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery move House Bill 2809 to the floor with a "Do Pass" recommendation. I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.