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**Bureau of Development Services**  
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Co-Chair Gorsek  
Co-Chair Sollman  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Public Safety  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: HB 5028 - Oregon State Fire Marshall Budget**

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Sollman, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland strongly supports funding for the Oregon State Fire Marshall (OSFM), specifically \$600,000 per biennium to implement HB 2851 and the Oregon Safety Assessment Program (ORSAP).

Fully funding OSFM at \$600,000 per biennium to begin development of ORSAP will be a significant step forward to move our state towards readiness to respond when the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake hits.

ORSAP will help the City and the State develop a system, which in coordination with California's well-developed CalOES Safety Assessment Program will enable us to qualify, train, track, and deploy trained building damage assessors to ensure the safety of our citizens and our buildings after the earthquake by developing a credentialing system for qualified Oregonian damage evaluators as well as those who will come as volunteers from outside the state.

The City of Portland's Bureau of Development Services recently received a federal grant through the UASI 2020 funding to support the development of ORSAP regionally. The City is applying for additional federal funding to do more pre-earthquake planning that will rely on ORSAP to be fully functional. The timing is perfect for a state-wide system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Esau*

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