

**JANEEN SOLLMAN**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 30



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

February 8, 2021

RE: Support for House Bill 2915

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Grayber and Bonham and Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor,

HB 2915 comes to you as a redraft of HB 4062, a bill that I previously sponsored in the 2020 regular session. During the 2020 session, HB 4062 passed unanimously from the House Business and Labor Committee and passed unanimously on the House floor. It also had unanimous support from MLAC, the workers comp Management Labor Advisory Committee.

HB 2915 is a simple fix to the workers compensation statute that allows firefighters in the City of Portland to be presumed covered for heart and lung diseases like every other firefighter in Oregon. This presumption was put in place in 1961 and didn't cover Portland because their charter carried a similar provision. This provision of their charter has since been challenged and is no longer in effect. Since 1961 the Legislature has adopted two additional workers comp presumptions covering Oregon's firefighters, including certain cancers and coverage for PTSD adopted last session.

It's time we fix the original heart and lung presumption to include Portland's firefighters.

Thank you for your support. I urge an Aye vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janeen Sollman