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I am submitting this written testimony in support of SB1582 on behalf of South Lane County Fire and Rescue. Our District has struggled with the issue of unprotected property for years. We committed resources and personnel to suppress one such out of District fire as recently as January 31, 2022. The issue of unprotected/under-protected property and lands is not new in Oregon. The Fire Service has struggled with it for decades. Responding to out of District fires causes a drain on our already limited resources and places the burden of the cost on the District. Passage of SB1582 will provide a means to help with the issue of unprotected properties.