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This is something that needs to happen. For example the county I live in has not mandated that "Certain" residence annex into a fire district when they build a million dollar home. After doing some research it is quite evident that this happens more than someone would think. So if most of the fire departments in oregon are volunteer, then why would we not at least fund them to make sure that have the proper equipment to do there job? I totally understand why AOC does not support this bill. it does not give them money in there budgets. I have heard on several occasions that it would give fire district a power no other local government has, yet cities regularly annex land into the city without a vote of those affected. When these city annexations take place it takes tax dollars away from the fire districts but yet those same lands continue to contribute county taxes. This is the only tax I have heard of that is "optional." I wish no ones house ever catches on fire, unfortunately that is not possible. And there is a lot of attitude that my house would never burn down. I also wish that was true.