



Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
HB 5202 – Support

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Thank you for the opportunity to share the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association’s (OFCA) support of allocations from the Oregon State Police Special Purpose Appropriation to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. These funds are an important piece in moving the State Fire Marshal to an independent state agency that will be working diligently in protecting our state.

As Oregon’s wildfire seasons continue to escalate in intensity, duration and destruction, our state cannot wait to rise to that risk. As in other states, the role of the fire service has demanded the kind of dedication of resources that enables proactive, thoughtful and science-based approaches to protecting homes, business, natural resources and most critically, lives.

We would like to thank Legislative budget writers in prioritizing this work and moving towards the establishment of a state agency focused on fire prevention and protection. Oregon’s fire service continues to stand ready to be a part of this work.

Thank you for your consideration

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