



OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

International Association of Fire Fighters
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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Chair Senator Mark Meek
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Chair Meek and Committee,

For the record my name is Karl Koenig, President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council. We represent over 3700 fire fighters, EMT's and Paramedics across the entire state of Oregon.

Today, in support of SB 148 extending the property tax exemption for public safety officers spouses in the event of a Line of Duty Death. (LODD).

This bill provides security, financial protection and piece of mind that we the citizens of Oregon continue to support those who gave their all in the line of duty.

This is a difficult time for the fire service as we just laid to rest Gresham Fire Fighter Paramedic Brandon Norbury as he succumbed to a Occupational Cardiac Arrest while at work. His death on duty hit hard and knowing this piece of the financial puzzle will be taken care is quite comforting.

Your fire Fighters Urge a Yes out of Committee on SB 148

Respectfully Submitted
Karl Koenig
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