

KELLOGG RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

12580 STATE HWY 138 WEST, OAKLAND, OR 97462

Honorable Co-Chairs Elizabeth Steiner and Tawna Sanchez,
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St., NE
Salem Oregon 97301

April 17, 2023

RE: Written testimony in support of Senate Bill 5506, Capital Construction

Dear Honorable Co-Chairs Elizabeth Steiner and Tawna Sanchez,

On behalf of the volunteers of the Kellogg Rural Fire District and our community, I urge you to fund the construction of our Main Fire Station Project. An investment now will provide big dividends in the future.

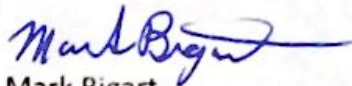
Our District has no town, schools, businesses, or community center, it's a rural area, with small neighborhoods, ranches, and forest lands. Our response area is 106 square miles with 418 homes and about 1200 residents. State Highway 138 West is a main corridor from Interstate 5 to Hwy 101 that runs through our district. There are also bridges and the Umpqua River dissecting through the district.

With the geographic layout of our district, it was determined a centrally located main fire station and two out laying fire apparatus garages were needed. This project will benefit our District and our community by having fire equipment strategically located in our district to protect our residents and property. Having a main fire station with facilities and training room, would greatly benefit our Volunteer Firefighters by having a facility that has training room and equipment, for quality training and meetings and having someplace to park apparatus inside, we currently have vehicles park outside. This facility would also have facilities to properly wash our firefighting gear and clean our medical and fire equipment.

For the community, it would provide a place to go in case of an emergency or natural disaster, community events & meetings, shot clinics & health related events and community fire safety events.

The main station would be the Command Center for any emergency or wildfire, at this time there is no facility in our District that could serve that purpose.

Sincerely,



Mark Bigart

Chief

Kellogg Rural Fire District