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# OREGON Fire Marshals ASSOCIATION

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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Fire Marshal's Association (OFMA) supports SB 863. OFMA believes in accountability and the ability for Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal to conduct cost recovery on malicious, willful, or negligent actions.

Oregon wildfires are at a historical high and the costs associated with fire suppression by far exceed an annual budget of \$28 million. In 2024, Oregon lost 1.93 million acres and cost taxpayers \$350 million.

While Oregon navigates through challenges in finding sustainable funding to support fire suppression efforts, those who instinctively start fires resulting in unnecessary costs should be accountable in reimbursement of state resources.

Sincerely,

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