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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
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Madame Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Good morning and for the record, I'm Karl Koenig President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council. We represent over 3800 career fire fighters, paramedics, prevention and wildland professionals across Oregon.

We are here to testify in favor of Senate Bill 91 Dash 1 amendments. As fire fighters we appreciate attempts to make our profession safer and free from occupational disease. This bill would make Oregon the 16th state to outlaw Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) in the extinguishment of fires.

In the bill it allows departments and districts to stop using AFFF by July 2026. There is a current PFAS free foam called P3 and is being used in Oregon at our largest airport, PDX and the next largest airports throughout the State. As airport firefighting are the largest users of AFFF they knew the exchange to a non PFAS Foam was very important for its fire fighters and the environment and made that switch to P3 Foam. Oregon is the first state in the United States and its major airport facilities to remove AFFF from its foam inventory to fight petroleum-based fires used in aircraft incidents.

This bill responsibly removes this from the remainder of Oregon's Fire Service in a responsible manner. The Oregon Fire Service will continue following our DEQ partners continued policy and procedures for the safe removal of AFFF from the fire stations and equipment.

We urge this Committee to pass this Bill and its dash 1 amendments to the Senate Floor for approval.

I am willing to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today,

Regards

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