
OREGON Fire Marshals ASSOCIATION

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub Committee on Public Safety
Co-Chair Broadman
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Co-Chairs Broadman and Evans, Committee Members,

The Oregon Fire Marshal's Association (OFMA) is writing to express our support for Senate Bill 5538, which provides essential funding for the Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM). This bill is critical to ensure that the DSFM has the resources needed to continue its mission of protecting lives, property, and communities from fire and other emergencies.

The funding allocations outlined in SB 5538 will strengthen fire prevention, response, and public safety initiatives across Oregon. The DSFM plays a key role in supporting safe development, resilient infrastructure, and community preparedness, which are all essential to Oregon's broader goals of economic stability, public health, and housing accessibility. By ensuring fire prevention standards are met in both new and existing developments, the DSFM contributes to the success of housing initiatives, business growth, and community sustainability.

Additionally, the emergency declaration in SB 5538 highlights the immediate need for continued investment in fire prevention and mitigation efforts. As Oregon faces increasing risks from wildfires and other emergencies, stable and predictable funding for the DSFM allows for proactive measures that reduce long-term costs and risks for communities.

The OFMA urges the Legislature to support Senate Bill 5538 and ensure that the DSFM remains equipped to carry out its vital work. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to public safety and community resilience.

Sincerely,

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