



To: Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Date: March 7, 2025

Re: SB 788 – Neutral

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and SDAO Fire Districts appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on SB 788.

We understand that this bill would provide for the additional use of certain exclusive farm use lands as a wedding or event venue. Representing over 300 fire agencies, our associations and members always emphasize fire and life safety. With the original text and the Dash 3 amendment, we are interested to learn more to understand the drafters' goals in the legislation. This will help our members support land and business owners while ensuring attendees are safe as they enjoy the wedding and event venues.

We encourage anyone considering using their property as a wedding or event venue under this bill to contact their local fire official. Our members are happy to help individuals and businesses find practical ways to meet any code requirements and improve fire and life safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on SB 788.

Respectfully Submitted,

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