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FYI: HB 3366 Support Letter

To: The Oregon House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government & Veterans

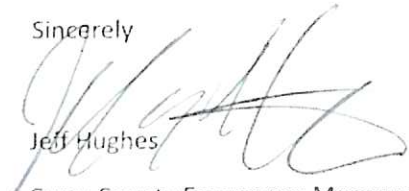
Dear Honorable Chair Tran & Honorable Vice-Chairs Lewis & Grayber –

Hello, I am writing to provide my support and ask for yours for HB 3366. This bill will help fund the construction of the Rogue Siskiyou Wildfire Training Center (RSR) in Curry County. The full operation of this facility will help train wild land fire fighters which are greatly needed to combat the threat of wildfire in this country. The growing demands and costs of larger and more frequent wildfires in our state, and other regions, is a threat not only to the wild areas but to our residents and infrastructure. The number one threat these wildfires represent is to our state's economy. Dealing with recent wildfires has shown a large shortage of resources in dealing with these emergencies; namely, trained personnel. The full operation of the RSR would provide the opportunity to add 1500 trained wildland firefighters every year to help end that shortage. Not only would this facility help create new fire fighters, but it would also bring a much-needed economic boost to an Oregon county suffering from economic troubles.

As the Emergency Manager of Curry County, I support this bill and urge strong support from the state government for it. I look forward to the benefits it will provide to the state of Oregon and the United States.

Thank You,

Sincerely



Jeff Hughes

Curry County Emergency Manager