



# OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

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Chair Tran, Vice Chair Grayber, Vice Chair Lewis, members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

I am writing to express my support for Oregon House Bill 3870, which allocates vital funding to strengthen emergency services and public safety infrastructure across our state. This bill addresses critical needs in several Oregon communities, including McMinnville, Sheridan, Talent, Hillsboro, Gresham, and the regional emergency communication systems.

The Oregon State Fire Fighters Council represents over 3,700 firefighters throughout the State. These firefighters work hard to protect the citizens of Oregon, and this bill helps support their efforts and are critical to the continued daily firefighting efforts that our members do.

The allocations outlined in HB 3870 are essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of Oregon residents. I particularly want to emphasize the importance of the following funding:

- **McMinnville Fire District (\$3,000,000):** This funding will enable the construction of a new fire station, significantly improving response times and ensuring the community's safety.
- **Sheridan Fire District (\$3,000,000):** The investment in a sustainability initiative will enhance the district's long-term operational effectiveness and resilience.
- **City of Talent (\$2,000,000):** The seismic upgrades and construction of an emergency operations center are crucial for disaster preparedness and response in this community.
- **Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO) (\$1,224,000 total):** The funding for essential communication equipment and systems is vital for efficient emergency response across the region. This is a critical infrastructure need.
- **Rogue Siskiyou Regional Training Center (\$3,000,000):** This investment in a regional training facility will improve the skills and readiness of emergency responders.
- **City of Hillsboro (\$5,000,000):** The South Hillsboro Fire Station 9 will provide critical services to a growing area.



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- **City of Gresham (\$10,000,000):** The replacement of fire station 74 is a needed improvement to public safety in Gresham.

These allocations represent strategic investments in our state's emergency response capabilities. By supporting HB 3870, the Oregon Legislature will ensure that communities across the state have the resources they need to protect their residents during times of crisis.

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of HB 3870. Your support for this bill will make a significant difference in the safety and well-being of Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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