



**To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

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**Date: March 26, 2025**

**Re: HB 3562 - Testimony in Support**

**Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Dobson and McIntire, and members of the committee,**

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and the SDAO Fire Districts, we are testifying in support of HB 3562.

HB 3562 addresses the critical need for accurate and accessible school mapping to support public safety. These maps are essential for ensuring quick and effective emergency responses on school campuses.

Currently, school maps vary widely in terms of detail, and often suffer from inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and limited accessibility. Standardizing and improving these maps will enhance their integration into existing public safety systems. This is especially crucial since different agencies have unique resources, systems, and geographic locations. Working with local emergency response agencies, school districts would have the opportunity to learn about the platforms their responders already use and identify key features which will aid in timely and efficient response.

This initiative directly supports the mission of fire and EMS services—protecting and caring for our communities.

Therefore, we respectfully urge your support for HB 3562 to strengthen school safety and improve emergency response capabilities across Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration!