



# **HILLSBORO FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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The Honorable Members of the

Oregon State Legislature

900 Court St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for House Bill 3870

Dear Legislators,

On behalf of the Hillsboro Firefighters Association, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 3870, which appropriates vital funding from the General Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department for distribution to local governments and other entities for public safety projects.

Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community, and investment in fire, emergency medical, and law enforcement services is essential to meeting the growing needs of Oregonians. As first responders, we see firsthand the challenges that underfunded public safety infrastructure presents. From aging fire stations and outdated equipment to increasing demands for emergency response, local agencies need resources to ensure they can protect lives and property effectively.

HB 3870 is a crucial step toward addressing these challenges. By providing dedicated funding to local public safety projects, this bill will enable fire departments, police departments, and emergency management agencies to modernize facilities, enhance training programs, and invest in the tools necessary to respond swiftly and efficiently to emergencies.

The Hillsboro Firefighters Association is committed to safeguarding the well-being of our community, and we appreciate the Legislature's efforts to prioritize public safety funding. We urge you to support HB 3870 to help ensure that first responders across Oregon have the resources they need to serve our communities safely and effectively.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to public safety. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide further insight into the importance of this funding for Hillsboro and communities across the state.

Sincerely,

Shane Rice

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