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RE: SB 862-Support

The House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber, and Lewis, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Fire Marshals Association (OFMA) supports SB 862-A. OFMA believes in establishing and maintaining a consistent, state-adopted fire prevention code, known as the Oregon Fire Code. The Oregon Fire Code serves as a critical framework for establishing minimum safety standards in buildings and facilities, ensuring they are equipped to prevent and respond to fire emergencies by continually reviewing and updating the code.

A diverse group of professionals collaborates to address Oregon Fire Code issues, providing valuable insights to the State Fire Marshal on matters of code enforcement, regional disputes, and emerging topics that impact fire safety including multiple members of OFMA.

Passing SB 862 would still allow local fire agencies to amend the state-adopted fire code. OFMA feels it is important for each fire agency to be able to confirm the adopted code in their community.

Sincerely,

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