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**Statement of Support: HB 3940
House Committee on Revenue
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The Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA), formed in 1950, serves the elected public officials of over 200 Fire Protection Districts throughout Oregon, all Special Districts formed under ORS Chapter 478. The five-member governing boards, who serve without compensation, are responsible for the financial and management oversight of the Districts.

The Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association (OVFA), formed in 1957, offers an annual training conference for volunteers, both members and non-members, providing hands-on and classroom training as well as networking opportunities. These conferences rotate around the state, helping educate and train Oregon's 8,760 volunteer firefighters who must adhere to the same training requirements as paid career firefighters.

Both associations participated in the Fire 35 process which represented months of deliberation with a focus toward funding wildfire prevention and suppression in a manner that would elicit a financial commitment from Oregonians and non-residents alike. We believe HB 3940 accurately reflects that process and represents the efforts of all participants at the table.

No one can deny that every citizen of Oregon and everyone who visits our State stands to benefit from funding wildfire prevention and suppression. Everyone. The Fire 35 has presented a menu of viable funding options that were thoughtfully considered, vetted, and thoroughly discussed. And, while it was not an easy process, the funding approaches offered up for your consideration represent a bit of sacrifice for everyone, the ultimate result of which is for the greater good of all residents and visitors alike. The policy question we all must ask ourselves is, do we want a livable Oregon and are we willing to do our part to make it happen?

On behalf of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association and the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, we thank you for your support of HB 3940 and we look forward to the benefits of this legislation in future fire seasons.