

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Ann Hanson, and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I'm writing to strongly support Senate Bill 238.

I've seen how drones can help find missing people, safely check dangerous situations like finding fleeing suspects, aerial mapping in partnership with a 3D FARO scanner for major collision incidents, search on land and water, support other public safety organizations such as fire departments with mapping moving flames or finding arsonists, and overall providing a safer community with the incredible technology. However, current state laws on unmanned aircraft systems often make it difficult to use drones quickly or effectively in these cases.

SB 238 proposes practical updates to these outdated rules, while still ensuring proper oversight and transparency. These changes will make our communities safer and help save lives across Oregon.

I respectfully ask the committee to support this bill and allow Oregonians to benefit from responsible, life-saving drone technology.

Thank you for your time and consideration.