

Western Lane Fire & EMS Authority

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To: Joint Subcomittee on Capital Construction

Re: HB3616, SB5531

On behalf of Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue we want to express our gratitude for the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction for considering our request. We realize the difficult decision the subcommittee must make in deciding which projects may go forward for funding and are extremely grateful for any funding available. Our request for funding is based on our desperate need to remodel our primary station originally built for a volunteer fire department. This station can no longer function properly after our addition of career personnel and the continuous increase in requests for emergency response in this rapidly growing area of the Oregon Coast. This remodel will allow us to house personnel as well as move emergency apparatus from a station currently located in a tsunami inundation area. Other attempts at acquiring grant funding for capital expenses including safety and firefighting breathing equipment have recently been unsuccessful. Thank you again for any consideration on any funding opportunities to remodel our station.

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