

May 7, 2025

To the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: HB 3616, SB 5531. Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station remodel, in the amount of \$10,282,389

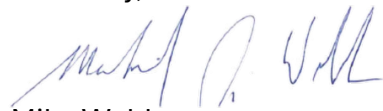
I am writing this letter in support of a request for \$10,282,389 to fund a major remodel and expansion of Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station #1 also known as Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority Station #1.

Background: The operational merger of Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance District has allowed us to combine fire and EMS services like never before, better serving our community with improved management of human resources without increasing costs to our taxpayers. However, doing so has created the need to house more firefighter/EMS employees in a more centralized location. Essentially, we have outgrown our 20 plus year-old facility by expanding the services offered by that facility.

We are requesting funds to assist with the expansion and remodel for the following reasons:

- **To expand quarters for full-time employees**
- **To replace an aging fire station that lies within the Tsunami Inundation Zone**
- **To address structural issues related to the west end of Station 1 including water damage and potential dry rot**
- **To expand vehicle storage, protecting publicly owned assets from the elements**
- **To centrally locate more resources to a location that will provide better access to all areas of our community in the event of a catastrophic event.**
- **To better serve the citizens of our districts, and to better provide lifesaving services to our community.**

Sincerely,



Mike Webb

Board President. Western Lane Fire and EMS

Board Member, Western Lane Ambulance District