

Submitter: Buckley Rudicel

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Buck Rudicel and I am a volunteer firefighter captain for Row River Rural Fire Protection District as well as the current vice-president on the Board of Directors for our District. I am writing to you today in support of the capitol funding request submitted by representatives Harbick and Hayden for the purpose of constructing a main fire station for our newly formed fire district.

We are a small rural Oregon community that was able to achieve our goal of creating and voting in by ballot RRRFPD through the grassroots efforts of the non-profit Row River Fire Response (now known as Row River Community Partnership), endless hours of community volunteers, support of our neighboring fire district/mutual aid partners, and our state representatives. Row River Rural Fire Protection District is the first fire district within Oregon that has been formed in the past forty years that is not part of a merger or other reforming of resources and agencies. We have a fully trained, certified, and dedicated group of volunteers that serve our community and our current "station" that houses our apparatus for response is in a retrofitted barn. To say we have started from the ground up would not be exaggerating.

Our community and our firefighters need a station that can properly house our equipment, supplies, and office needs. It would also help give our Row River community pride in what we have strived to do and have accomplished. I ask that you support this bill so we may achieve this goal and further improve our ability to respond and help our rural community - I believe a suitable station would do this. I thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you vote in support of the Row River Rural Fire Protection District's need for a fire station.

Sincerely,
Captain Buck Rudicel
VP Board of Directors RRRFPD