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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

To: Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Re: House Bill 2858 and House Bill 3084

Dear Co-Chairs, Girod and Nosse and Subcommittee Members,

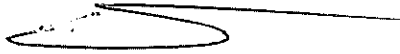
The City of Redmond strongly supports House Bill 2858 and House Bill 3084 which both invest in the State of Oregon's preparation for emergencies through the development of CORE3, a dedicated Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and multidisciplinary emergency services training center. The City of Redmond is thankful for the acknowledgment of this important work made by the Oregon Legislature in 2022 through their \$9.5M investment in the Central Oregon CORE3, project.

The State of Oregon is facing growing threats from natural disasters such as wildfire, flooding, and pandemics, as well as the anticipated Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Redmond will play a significant role in rescue and recovery operations for major statewide disasters, yet our region lacks a dedicated coordination center for emergency operations or adequate training facilities for large scale emergency incidents. Our agency is part of a broad coalition of local, regional, state and federal agencies that have come together to collaborate and develop the CORE3 facility in Deschutes County.

Construction of site infrastructure for Core 3 will start this summer and we will be shovel ready by early 2026. House Bill 2858 and House Bill 3084 will leverage the state's initial investment of \$9.5M, as well as nearly \$14M in local contributions and \$1.75M from federal sources to make construction of this critical statewide and regional facility possible. This will provide immediate opportunities for law enforcement, fire and emergency responder training, cross agency collaboration and preparation. Core 3 will be a stable center that will survive any seismic event for coordination of statewide response and recovery.

The City of Redmond urges you to support HB 2858 and HB 3084 to invest in a regional training center as well as the State of Oregon's preparation for regional and statewide emergencies.

Sincerely,



Ed Fitch
City of Redmond Mayor

Cc: Redmond City Council
Core 3 Executive Committee
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Central Oregon legislative delegation