



Greetings Chair Thuy Tran and Committee Members,

My name is Adam Barr, and I am the Chief Operating Officer for Deployed Logix based in Eugene, Oregon. I'm writing to express my strong support for HB 4121. As Oregon faces an increasingly complex landscape of threats, from wildfire seasons to the catastrophic impact of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, we need a cohesive approach to emergency management from the state level. HB 4121 creates a systematic approach for how our state prepares for, responds to, and recovers from disasters.

One of the most significant strengths of this bill is creating the Oregon Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Training and Intergovernmental Continuity of Imperative Services (SPARTICIS). By placing this office under the supervision of the State Resilience Officer, this bill ensures our response is consistent across Oregon, and does not depend on a single city or county to get it right on their own. Before a catastrophic event, it is vital that we have a standardized approach to continuity of governance in place. We must work to proactively standardize these measures, and cannot wait for a disaster to discover which agencies are appropriately prepared to respond.

Effective coordination and response requires a common operational language, and the creation of the Statewide Preparedness Authority for Response Coordination (SPARC) helps meet this need. Developing a "standardized and expandable training environment" ensures that first responders across Oregon are training to the same high standards. The allocation of funding for the CORE3 center in Deschutes County, along with funds for a Salem facility creates multiple facilities for training to serve more first responders. Additionally, by hosting overnight training, first responders will be able to experience the reality of multi-day disaster scenarios through realistic, immersive exercises.

Finally, this bill recognizes the importance of resilience at the local level. The expanded support for Resilience Hubs and Networks gives local communities the power to support themselves during catastrophic events. When paired with the Oregon Individual Assistance Grant Program, HB 4121 ensures that we are supporting our families and communities, in addition to protecting our government infrastructure.

House Bill 4121 positions Oregon for robust, coordinated readiness. I strongly support this bill, and encourage you to do the same.

Very Respectfully,

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