



# OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

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February 12, 2026

Oregon House of Representatives  
House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans  
Chair Tran  
Vice Chair Lewis  
Vice Chair Watanabe

Re: HCR 201 Support

Chair Tran, Vice Chairs Lewis and Watanabe, Committee Members,

For the record I am Karl Koenig, President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council and we represent the 4000 career fire fighters, paramedics, wildland and prevention professionals across the entire state of Oregon.

We are in favor of birthdays in general but specifically today the recognition of The Oregon Fire District Directors Association 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is important one. As the public policy makers that govern over 200 fire districts, both large and small we rely on our board of directors to develop, enact and enforce solid meaningful policy that provides the best service possible for those in need.

We in Public Safety are products of rules and policy and applying those roles whether a fire, EMS or disaster OFDDA through education and advocacy makes it better for all Oregonians and the fire service in Oregon.

Please pass HCR 201 out of committee recognizing the 75 year commitment of the Oregon Fire District Directors Administration.

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