

Senate Bill 5071

2025-2027 Capital Funding Request

Hello Chair, Co Chair and Members of the committee

For the Record My Name is Ty Richardson I am the Public Works Director and Resident of the City Burns. I am here to ask for your support for the Wastewater Reconstruction and Repair Continuation 2025 Burns Flood for 5 Million Dollars.

This Project will replace approximately 11,000ft of sewer main pipes in the City of Burns. The existing collection system experiences severe Inflow and Infiltration which was significantly worsened by the 2025 Flooding.

Since 2025 the City of Burns has been actively preparing for Reconstruction of our sewer system. We have completed Inflow and Infiltration studies, 20 year facility plan for sewer, CCTV Inspection and Cleaning and a Full replacement Design of one of Lift Station that were majorly impacted by the flood.

The City of Burns is currently under a Mutual Agreement order with DEQ on replacing high infiltration portions of the sewer system this funding will help us complete upgrades needed and deficiencies that were uncovered during the flood.

Citizens and businesses have been directly affected by the flood that not only impacted the sewer system but over 150 family homes and businesses were displaced for months until the sewer system could properly function.

I want to thank the Ways and Means Committee. This committee gave Burns Oregon hope that state legislation cares when natural disasters occur and public system failures If it wasn't for your committee we would have no help. Again the city of Burns is asking for your Support for the Wastewater Reconstruction and Repair Continuation 2025 Burns Flood for 5 Million.