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Statement of Support
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Senate Rules Committee

The Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) was formed in 1950 and serves the elected public officials of over 200 Fire Protection Districts throughout Oregon, all Special Districts formed under ORS Chapter 478. The five-member governing boards are responsible for the financial and management oversight of the Districts and the Directors serve without compensation.

Funding of 911 centers is a priority issue for fire districts across the state. SB 1559 will allow 911 tax revenues to be distributed *directly* to 911 jurisdictions. The Board of Directors of the OFDDA voted at its January 21 meeting to unanimously support this effort for the following reasons:

- More transparency
- Less paperwork/Clear paper trail
- Easier to track and audit funds
- Accountability to taxpayers
- Streamlined approach to government

The Oregon Fire District Directors wishes to thank Rep. Sheehan for bringing this bill forward and appreciates your support of SB 1559.