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AFSCME Council 75, would like to go on record in support of HB 2084, the Fire Insurance Premium Tax (FIPT). Passage of this measure is critical to life safety in Oregon's local communities.

The FIPT is the exclusive funding source for:

- Fire code development – Assists schools, hospitals, business owners, and the public comply with fire-related laws and codes, keeping people safe where they work, play and go to school.
- Public fire education – Develops and implements fire safety education programs which provide life safety knowledge and skills to children, families and communities.
- Arson investigation – Provides responsive and competent fire cause and origin investigations for civil purposes to insurance companies and prosecutors to identify apprehend and prosecute arsonists creating a deterrent benefit with reduced losses and increased safety.
- Fire training – coordinates and delivers training for more than 15,000 fire service personnel (volunteer and career) annually, providing Oregon's first responders with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves and their communities safe.
- Mobilization of structural firefighting resources during major governor declared emergencies such as wildfires.

Thank you for your consideration as these programs exclusively funded by the FIPT are here to produce results that reduce fire death and property loss rates.

Vote YES on HB 2084