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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Veteran and Emergency Preparedness
Attn: Representative Evans, Chair
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support of HB 4152

Dear Chair Evans and members of the Veteran and Emergency Preparedness Committee,

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) expresses its continued support of HB 4152, which professionally backs public safety missions related to wildfire recovery, mitigation and emergency preparedness.

As you recently heard from Monte Reiser, MCSO's Law Enforcement Commander, the Eagle Creek fire was a big test for our Agency. Our After-Action analysis resulted in many operational and logistical strengths. However, there are some areas of improvement that would help our first responders and Search and Rescue specialty teams be better prepared in the future and also be safer when entering the current fire-impacted areas. Our Agency is certain that the protective gear, lamps, probing poles and infrared equipment, coupled with Burn Area Hazard Training, will make for a safer and more effective Incident Command System (ICS) response.

We remain open to legislative inquires and are responsive to today's effort to clarify respective county allocations via an amended measure. We very much appreciate your help in this form, as we work to protect Oregon's beautiful open spaces.

Respectfully,

Michael Reese
SHERIFF