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The Honorable Jennifer Williamson, Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary  
900 Court Street NE,  
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Salem, OR 97301

As the State Fire Marshal for Oregon and working closely in partnership with the Oregon State Police, I am writing to you in support of HB 2046, which will help in increasing the number of troopers for the Oregon State Police.

The Office of State Fire Marshal responds to conflagrations throughout the state to assist impacted communities. OSP assists OSFM during these conflagrations by utilizing the state police resources in the event of a fire that is beyond the capabilities of local law enforcement. OSP also coordinates with ODOT to enforce highway safety and closures during other emergencies, such as train derailments, oil spills and floods.

The Office of State Fire Marshal and Oregon State Police work in tandem during conflagrations to help with search and rescue, evacuations, establishing road closures, traffic control, door to door checks and other such actions as necessary for the immediate preservation of life and property. Their assistance during these incidences is critical for the safety of all involved and allows fire personnel to safely enter the fire-impacted areas.

Your support of HB 2046 will help in their ability to respond to all-hazard incidents and allow enough troopers to remain throughout the state to respond to other emergencies.

I believe the more Oregon State Troopers there are the better.

Sincerely,

James L Walker

State Fire Marshal

