Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Testimony in support of SB 528

Roadside memorial signs for Firefighters killed in the line of duty

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On behalf of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, please consider this this testimony in support of SB 2528 which would direct the Oregon Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside memorial signs for firefighters killed in the line of duty.

This bill has the support of the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard and we stand alongside them in that support. Losing a family member in any capacity is difficult and for the family of a fallen fire fighter, remembering and honoring the service and sacrifice made is a small tribute that we can offer as a state.

We ask that you support this bill and offer, if a family wishes, for this memorial to be put in place to honor this sacrifice and acknowledge this each and every day.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.

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