



OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

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February 17, 2020

Senate Committee on Labor and Business
Chair Kathleen Taylor

Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Knopp and Committee members,

For the record, my name is Karl Koenig, President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council. I am here today in support of House Bill 4062A, also known as including the Portland Fire Fighters in the Heart and Lung Presumption.

This Bill simply includes Portland Fire Fighters in Statute and have the same 1961 Heart and Lung presumption that applies to every other career firefighter in Oregon to them once attaining five years of service as a firefighter. ORS 656.027 allows for the City of Portland to provide Workers Compensation for its Police and Fire Fighters. This Bill is the technical fix to allow inclusion of Heart and Lung Presumption as it already does for Cancer and PTSI Presumptions.

After the proper vetting in MLAC, a -1 was added for clarity and unanimously approved in their Committee last week. There has been no opposition to the Bill to date. HB4062A received unanimous approval in House Business and Labor Committee and on the House Floor.

We urge a yes vote on House Bill 4062A.

Sincerely,

Karl Koenig /s

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