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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4087

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Measure: HB4087

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I OPPOSE [HB 4087]. " Requires, on or after January 1, 2023, officials of public bodies to grant news media representatives access to scenes of wildfires or natural disasters on public lands that are otherwise closed to public."

I support and will defend the Constitution of the United States of America. So, quit your belly-aching about the First Amendment .

If I were an Incident Commander on an event of destruction and or continuous destruction; I would not want to have 'News Reporters and their Entourage(s) to be under-foot until the professionals assigned to bring the destructive event under submission for a variety of safety reasons. Chief amongst them are rescue operations of humans, livestock and pets (if practical) and safety to Firefighters and Police Officers.

Photographs, videos and or any other recording device that could transmit images of; 'human body parts' strewn all over the place, dead human bodies and their personal, private information readily available for publication is contraindicated. [If you've ever seen a burnt tree, you have seen them all.]

Once the situation is under control and the destructive scene is secured, bring in the Reporters under the auspices and control of the Incident Commander.

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Mr. Oregon concurs-If Reporters want to see a Wildfire "up-close and personal"; tie the Reporters to the nearest tree, give them a bottle of water and wish them good luck.