

Statement of Support:

SB 728

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management,
Federal World Affairs

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One of the biggest challenges being faced today in volunteer fire districts, is recruiting and retaining qualified people throughout our state. When we sit down and have discussions with the directors from various fire districts, this is quite often the main topic of conversation.

How do we think outside the box for a solution to this problem?

SB 728 is a step in the right direction to help with this issue. The criteria set forth for qualifying for this tax credit meets the needs and responsibilities that we expect in our volunteers.

Throughout our rural districts, in some cases, there actually is an out-of-pocket cost to the volunteers. This bill could help deter some of those costs.

I believe that this bill has the potential of being a good incentive to those volunteers.

Thank you for your support.

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