



# OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

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Chair Holvey and Vice Chair Elmer, Business and Labor Committee Members,

For the record my name is Karl Koenig, President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council, we proudly represent the 3700 career fire fighters and paramedics across the entire State of Oregon.

Today's testimony is in favor of HB 3028. All of Oregon is in need of this Bill to encourage the public to serve their communities, county's and the States' boards, council's and even the Legislature.

Public service on a board, commission, council or elected public service body is a calling. It takes a very special person to volunteer their time or receive a minimal stipend to do the public's business. This Bill seeks to level the field in regards to job protection, using earned leave at their "other" employer.