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Oregon House Review
900 Court Street NE, Room 160
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RE: Support of SB 1068

Klamath County Fire District #3 absolutely faces logistical challenges as being a Rural Fire Protection District. Often times properties located outside of our boundaries needing fire and emergency response takes crew and apparatus away from the paying district for hours on end.

In 2021, we were finally able to annex an area that we had been responding to for years and years with zero compensation. This cost our small volunteer department money that we did not have at the time. But now, we can truly say what a positive influence this has been as we are now able to receive funding on this.

Supporting SB 1068 does create the ability for many Rural Fire District's to improve the emergency response infrastructure. By supporting SB 1068, the state would be updating and aligning with other taxing entity regulations in an effort to stabilize District funding and operational logistics.

It is simple, if emergency services are needed they need to be funded properly. We would respectfully request that you support SB 1068. We appreciate your support of Oregon's Emergency Responders in providing essential public safety services.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Friend".

Christine Friend
Fire Chief