



OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

International Association of Fire Fighters
AFL-CIO CLC

Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management Federal and Federal and World Affairs

Chair Senator James Manning Jr.

Vice Chair Senator Kim Thatcher

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Thatcher, Committee Members,

For the record Karl Koenig President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council e represent the 3700 career fire fighters, paramedic, wildland and prevention professionals throughout Oregon.

We are in support of HB 2865A. The increase of Military Leave provision from 14 to 21 days. The change in this law is reflective of the needs of the Federal Government reliance on our "Citizen" Armed forces, Air and Army National Guard and our reservist to protect the United States. The specialization includes the training in very sophisticated technology along with needed stabilization of this workforce obligation.

It seems intuitive to increase leave for these assignments and training obligations and support our National Guard and reservist serving all over the State of Oregon .

Please join your fire fighters in supporting 2865A in Committee.

Regards,

Karl Koenig s/s

Karl Koenig
President
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council