

OREGON Fire Marshals ASSOCIATION

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House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Honorable Chair Pam Marsh and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the chance to comment on SB 1510. On behalf of the Oregon Fire Marshal's Association (OFMA), I want to express OFMA's support for SB 1510.

SB 1510 would not give Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) overarching authority to conduct background checks across the fire service. This bill specifically gives them the ability to conduct background checks on potential OSFM personnel who are seeking employment with OSFM and those that may provide a service to OSFM such as contractors, subcontractors, vendors, or volunteers working for OSFM. This bill would not apply to State Incident Management Teams, personnel responding as part of conflagrations, or fire service personnel not directly employed with OSFM.

SB 1510 will allow the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to continue hiring outstanding and professional employees by ensuring thorough background investigations are conducted and overseen by OSFM.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

Regards,



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