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# OREGON Fire Marshals ASSOCIATION

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March 3, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Representative Pam Marsh and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Marshal's Association (OFMA) we support HB-3505 as amended.

The Oregon Fire Marshal's Association is made up of fire code officials, industry leaders and individuals that are dedicated to the protection of life and property against fire. OFMA strongly supports residential fire sprinkler systems and any means to lower the costs of those systems.

NFPA 13D Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems are a life safety system. These systems save lives in the event of a residential fire. According to the United States Fire Administration, when both fire sprinklers and smoke alarms are present, home fire deaths are reduced by 82%.

There is no question, residential fire sprinkler systems add costs to a new single-family home. While mindful of our water purveyor partners, OFMA encourages this committee to approve no system development charges for residential fire sprinkler systems.

Thank you for your consideration in lowering the costs of proven fire and life safety systems while reducing the risk to firefighters and our community.

Sincerely,

Shawn Olson  
Legislative Chair-Oregon Fire Marshal's Association

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