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RE: HB 3505

Good afternoon, Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Claire McGrew and I serve as a Chief Deputy for the Oregon Department of the State Fire Marshal.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today and thank you for your time. The Oregon Department of State Fire Marshal supports HB 3505-2 which is the proposal to remove the system development charges (SDC) for residential sprinklers and the associated larger water meters required to supply these systems.

As OSFM understands this -2 language, the proposal to remove the fees are narrow in scope and are directly connected to residential fire sprinkler requirements through NFPA 13D and the associated requirements for upsizing a standard water meter to a higher flow meter. The requirement to upsize the meter simply ensures sufficient gallons of water will be available to control a home fire if the fire sprinkler system were to activate. Ultimately, NFPA 13D fire sprinkler systems help to keep the fire from growing and allow occupant's precious time to escape.

Home fire sprinklers offer the highest degree of fire protection for Oregonians, yet these systems and their associated fees for installation can be cost prohibitive at times. This -2 amendment reduces a cost barrier for this life saving residential safety upgrade.

Thank you for your time today.

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