

Submitter: Daniel Cummins

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3870

My name is Daniel Cummins and I am a Captain at Sheridan Fire District. I have worked for the district for 6 years. Over my time here it has become more than a job been for me, it is my second home and an extension of my family.

For a little background, Sheridan Fire has 4 staff per shift, staffing 2 ambulances and swinging over to an engine when there are fires or car crashes. If Sheridan Fire does not receive the money requested through HB3870 it could be catastrophic for the 150+ square miles that we cover. This would not just put my community at risk but also my family and crew. If Sheridan Fire is awarded the money, we would not have to worry about how we will sustain our current staffing model and service to our district.

The bill supports the Sheridan Rural Fire District's Avenue for long-term stability and sustainability while dealing with budget shortfalls due to the lack of support from Medicare, Medicaid, governmental billing and revenue issues, and Emergency Medical Transport fees for service (which are outside of local taxation capabilities).

All of us at Sheridan Fire would greatly appreciate you voting YES on HB 3870 which helps our district serve its community better.

I would also like to extend my ask to also include helping our neighbors and mutual aid partners at McMinnville Fire.