



Molalla Fire District

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To Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Diehl and Nelson, and Members of the Committee.

I'm Vince Stafford, Fire Chief at Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73. I would like to express my support for HB 4156 and encourage you to also support HB 4156. Molalla Fire District has advance life support ambulances that cover over 350 square that includes Mulino Colton, parts of Beaver Creek, Canby and Monitor and unincorporated Molalla River Corridor, BLM, Weyerhaeuser and Port Blakely. We responded to over 3,200 911 calls in 2025 of those 2,596 were medical calls.

Last year we received over \$294,000.00 from the GEMT programs which allowed us to keep two paramedics on staff that the District would not be able to do without these funds.

If GEMT funds are not available to the District in the future, we would be forced to lay off the paramedics that are essential to District operations and life-saving efforts.

Nothing will change if the federal government continues to allow the current funding model. No monies will be extended from the State of Oregon.

I would like to thank the committee for their time, and we ask for your support of HB 4156.

Sincerely,

Vince Stafford
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