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Date: February 5, 2026

To: Representative Tran, Chair

House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

From: Redmond Fire & Rescue

Re: **In Support of House Bill 4121**

Dear Chair Tran and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 4121 and its role in strengthening emergency preparedness, training, coordination, and resilience across Oregon. As the state prepares for high-impact events such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, effective emergency coordination across agencies and jurisdictions is essential. Additionally, Oregon's public safety sector continues to grow, increasing the need for accessible, quality, joint training.

HB 4121 delivers a more connected and resilient public safety training and emergency management system statewide and directly supports the development and success of the Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient (CORE3) public safety training and emergency coordination center currently being developed in Redmond, Oregon, to help meet these critical needs.

HB 4121 strengthens training and emergency response systems between state and local agencies while also leveraging prior legislative investments in emergency preparedness and resilience. Funding provided in 2022 and 2025 has been used responsibly to advance CORE3, including completion of the necessary access road and utility development to the site, and full design and engineering. Continued investment through HB 4121 would allow construction of the Emergency Coordination Center and training classrooms to proceed, maintaining project momentum and efficiency, supporting local economic activity, and helping establish CORE3 as a model for similar emergency coordination and training facilities across Oregon.

Together, HB 4121 directly strengthens Redmond Fire & Rescue's ability to fulfill its mission by enhancing statewide emergency coordination and providing critical training and response infrastructure. HB 4121 modernizes Oregon's emergency management system by creating statewide preparedness offices, improving coordination authorities, supporting public safety training facilities, and expanding resilience and grant programs that bolster local response capacity. CORE3 complements these statewide improvements by establishing a dedicated multi-agency emergency coordination center and moves us one step closer to having a



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comprehensive public safety training campus in Redmond, equipped with burn buildings, simulation facilities, and emergency-vehicle training resources to meet mandatory fire and rescue training requirements. HB 4121 strengthens operational readiness, improves interagency coordination, and ensures Redmond Fire & Rescue is equipped to respond effectively to major disasters such as wildfires and the Cascadia Subduction Zone event.

HB 4121 supports the continued development of CORE3 and similar facilities as part of a coordinated and systemic approach to public safety training and emergency coordination across the state. Redmond Fire & Rescue strongly supports House Bill 4121 as a critical investment in Oregon's emergency preparedness and resilience infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of the name "Ryan Herrera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a blue ink pen.

Ryan Herrera
Fire Chief