



Community Risk Reduction & Resilience

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House Committee on Revenue

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Eugene Springfield Fire, I am writing in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment.

Eugene Springfield Fire works directly with Northwest Youth Corps and other regional partners to implement wildfire preparedness, fuels reduction, and defensible space assessments across our service area. These efforts reduce risk to life, property, and critical infrastructure and are a core component of our Community Risk Reduction strategy.

Northwest Youth Corps is part of a broader coalition of conservation corps, land managers, fire agencies, and community organizations working to build fire adapted landscapes. Corps crews conduct hazardous fuels reduction, vegetation management, and resilience projects that directly support wildfire mitigation objectives in the wildland urban interface.

HB 4134 establishes a dedicated, ongoing revenue stream through the state transient lodging tax and directs a portion of those funds to the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund and to wildlife and habitat recovery efforts. Investment in conservation corps capacity translates directly into trained workforce development and on the ground project delivery. For fire agencies like ours, that means increased capacity to complete fuels reduction projects, expanding defensible space outreach, and strengthen wildfire preparedness at the community level.

Wildfire risk in Oregon continues to increase due to development patterns, climate pressures, and accumulated fuels. Sustained, predictable funding for prevention and resilience work is essential. HB 4134 supports long term stability while aligning natural resource stewardship with public safety outcomes.

For these reasons, Eugene Springfield Fire respectfully urges passage of HB 4134.

Respectfully,

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