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The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

The Oregon Military Department (OMD) respectfully submits the following written testimony in relation to Senate Bill 5534.

We are requesting Lottery Bonds in the amount of \$5,066,802, as requested in the Governor's Budget, for the Resiliency Grant Fund which funds the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) program. The following is a high-level synopsis of the goals and objectives for this program.

State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment - \$5,066,802 (\$5,000,000 project costs and \$66,802 bond issuance costs):

In 2017, HB 2687 established the Resiliency Grant Fund and directed the Oregon Homeland Security Council to develop a list of preparedness equipment that is needed throughout the state to address deficiencies in the ability of the state to respond to local and regional emergencies. HB 2687 also directed the Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer a grant program, which came to be known as the SPIRE program, to distribute preparedness equipment or the funds to purchase preparedness equipment, to eligible recipients, such as: local governments, special government bodies, private non-profits as well as tribal governments throughout the state.

Since 2017, the SPIRE program has provided generators, water purification trailers, high-axle rescue vehicles, water rescue vehicles, mass casualty support trailers as well as fuel transport trailers to 27 counties and 2 tribal nations. This equipment has been used in emergencies and disasters throughout the state. During the February 2021 ice storm, a SPIRE grant program generator was keeping the greater Dallas community of around 16,000 people supplied with drinking water when power to the water system failed. Another SPIRE grant program generator was used as a backup for the wastewater plant in Butte Falls during a power outage caused by the South Obenchain Fire in Jackson County. Multiple jurisdictions had SPIRE-provided equipment (generators/fuel tanker) on call or ready for loan to neighboring jurisdictions during all the wildfires of September 2020 and the February 2021 ice storm.

The \$5,000,000 in lottery bonds for this biennium (21-23) will allow the SPIRE program to provide the following equipment:

- Generators
- Fuel Tankers
- Water Purification Trailers
- Mass Casualty Trailer Systems
- Communications Support Trailers
- Sandbagging Machines
- Portable Light Sets
- Shelter Support Trailers
- Search and Rescue Drones

This equipment will enhance emergency preparedness and incident response in counties, cities, and tribal nations throughout Oregon.

This concludes my written testimony. Thank you for your consideration of these projects.

Sincerely,



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