



# Representative Bobby Levy

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For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am testifying today to express my support for House Bill 2898.

In the early springtime it is easy to forget the wildfires of our previous summer. Our skies are dark with nourishing rain, preparing the ground for the seeds we will sow to feed our state and beautify our yards. Soon enough, however, the sky will darken with smoke from mega-fires that increasingly terrorize the west. Many of our green forests and cultivated fields will blacken and fill the sky with ash.

When natural disasters strike, people all over Oregon are left without a home. The fires of 2020 in particular left memories of skies as red as the fires that destroyed thousands of homes. Many of our friends and neighbors across Oregon are still recovering, living in temporary housing while enduring painfully slow reconstruction.

House Bill 2898 brings some relief to those who are still living in temporary housing as the result of 2020 fires. This legislation allows anyone living on an RV on their own property as the result of a fire that year to live in that RV during construction until 2030. This bill benefits all Oregonians, extending the time during which an RV may be sited on a single-family property damaged by a natural disaster.

With no foreseeable end to our epidemic of mega-fires and the looming threat of a Cascadia subduction event, Oregonians are sure to continue enduring destructive natural disasters. Our constituents need to have all available housing options during a natural disaster without being burdened by state or local zoning laws. HB 2898 is a valuable component of a more resilient Oregon that we can easily gift to our neighbors this session.

Best,  
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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