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# **OREGON Fire Marshals ASSOCIATION**

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March 6, 2025

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Representative Pam Marsh and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Fire Marshal's Association (OFMA) we support HB-3172 which will allow the Department of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) the ability to establish a grant program for home hardening.

The Oregon Fire Marshal's Association is made up of fire code officials, industry leaders and individuals that are dedicated to the protection of life and property against fire.

Home hardening refers to the use of building materials and practices that can reduce the hazard of ignition of a home by embers from wildfire. If citizens qualify, HB-3172 will provide opportunity to our vulnerable populations with the ability to retrofit their home to meet home hardening standards.

This is a proactive approach to wildfire mitigation practices. It is a proven technique in lowering the costs of reconstruction by minimizing damage to single family dwellings, lowers the risk to our firefighters and helps support defensible space practices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shawn Olson  
Legislative Chair-Oregon Fire Marshal's Association