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Firefighter Cancer Protections Expanded Under Senate Action

House Bill 4113 expands workers compensation to address gaps in coverage for firefighters

SALEM – Today, the Senate unanimously approved House Bill 4113. This measure adds bladder and female reproductive cancers as occupational diseases resulting from employment for qualifying career firefighters under Oregon’s workers’ compensation law. Cancer is a [leading cause of firefighter death](#) in the United States. Oregon workers compensation law already protects career firefighters for many kinds of cancers, including male reproductive cancers.

“Firefighters don’t have a choice about what they are exposed to or which dangers they encounter on the job – when their community needs them, they answer the call,” said Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Portland), Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business, who carried House Bill 4113. “By passing this measure, we’re taking an important step towards equitably protecting Oregon’s career firefighters. I’d like to thank Representative Grayber for her service as firefighter and her work and dedication to bring this bill forward with broad and bipartisan support.”

House Bill 4113 adds bladder and female reproductive cancers to the list of cancers that are presumed compensable for qualifying career firefighters. The measure requires the Workers’ Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee to review and consider reports, findings, and analyses made public by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health around firefighters’ occupational cancer hazards.

House Bill 4113 now goes to the Governor for her signature.

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