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LD 222 - An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and distinguished members of the Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources, I write in **opposition** of LD 222.

To understand how much aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) foam exists we must first, **conduct an inventory**. Once we have a Statewide inventory, Legislators can then decide if a disposal, takeback, or replacement program is feasible for local fire departments. Today there are too many unanswered questions on inventory, cost drivers, and resources required to initiate a program through the Office of State Fire Marshal.

We are in full **support** of LD 400 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate.

This will allow us to present information to the Committee to make informed decisions regarding the creation of a take back or disposal program.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Esler".

Shawn Esler, State Fire Marshal