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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** SDAO Trustees, Board of Directors & Legislative Committee  
OFDDA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Hasina E. Squires, Government Affairs Director, SDAO  
Genoa Ingram, Executive Director, OFDDA

**RE:** Cancer Presumption Legislation

**DATE:** April 23, 2008

As you know SDAO has been negotiating a cancer presumption compromise with the firefighters' union (IAFF). SDAO, OFDDA, and the IAFF have collectively agreed to support cancer presumption legislation during the 2009 legislative session. The components of the agreement are listed below.

1. Cancer presumption legislation will apply only to non-volunteer firefighters
2. Cancer presumption legislation will apply to covered cancers first diagnosed after July 1, 2009
3. Cancer presumption legislation's burden of proof standard of evidence will stipulate that the cancer presumption is not compensable if the employer can prove that the cancer was not caused or contributed in material part by the firefighter's work as a firefighter
4. Cancer presumption legislation will apply for 7 years following termination of employment
5. Cancer presumption legislation will apply to 12 cancers
6. Cancer presumption legislation will be rebuttable if the employer can show that tobacco use was the major contributing cause of the cancer
7. Cancer presumption legislation will apply to prostate cancer if the cancer is first diagnosed on or before the firefighter's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday

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This has been a very contentious issue during previous legislative session. We are pleased that agreement has been reached and a reasonable and responsible piece of legislation will advance during the 2009 legislative session. Please feel free to contact Hasina E. Squires via email ([hasina@sdao.com](mailto:hasina@sdao.com)) or telephone (503) 708-8079 if you have additional questions regarding this information.