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House Approves Representative Blackman’s Bill to Fund Firefighter Training

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Walt Blackman announced today that the Arizona House of Representatives approved HB 2110, legislation he sponsored to fund firefighter training programs in Coconino County. The bill received strong bipartisan support.

HB 2110 appropriates $1 million from the state General Fund to the Coconino County Community College District (CCCD) for firefighter training programs.

“Wildfires are a constant challenge in northern Arizona and also across the state,” said Representative Blackman. “By supporting firefighter training programs, we can build up a skilled workforce necessary to address the challenges that these disasters pose to the safety of our residents.”

The CCCD Fire Science program provides training to individuals interested in either structural or wildland fire fighting. The CCCD offers multiple certificates including a Wildfire Suppression certificate, as well as intermediate and advanced Fire Science certificates. The CCCD also provides the option to receive an associate’s degree in Fire Science in which, upon completion, an individual can enter the Fire Service.

HB 2110 will now be considered by the Senate.

Walt Blackman is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 6, which includes portions of Coconino, Yavapai, Navajo, and Gila counties. Follow him on Twitter at @theWaltBlackman.

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