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Re: Letter of support for Oregon HB 3173, 2021

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association touches the future of Agriculture and of our world on a daily basis in classrooms, laboratories, and in Supervised Agriculture Experiences throughout the state. Watching students succeed as leaders is encouraging to our members, as it assures us there is a bright future for both the Agricultural industry and for society, as well.

Although we are very careful about legislation we support as an organization, HB 3173 is an obvious bill behind which the OATA can throw its support. County Fairs are often the culmination of a year of hard work for our students, and supporting the funding of enhancements of County Fairs throughout Oregon will offer opportunities to many of our students to succeed in new and more exciting ways. In addition, strengthening the funding for County Fair construction projects will benefit the communities in which those same students live, opening even more doors to those same learners..

The Oregon Agriculture Teacher's Association truly believes in the importance of County Fairs, in what they do for our students, teaching them life lessons about the industry that is the lifeblood of many of their communities. We urge the committee to approve passage of this bill, as it is not only important to our students, but it is important to the communities of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Marty Campbell
OTA President

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