

Good Day Chair, Vice Chair and full House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,  
As a 20 plus year Umatilla County Fair Board member and now a Umatilla County Commissioner, HB3173 represents one of the strongest commitments to youth and community this or any Oregon State Legislative session has had the opportunity to pass. County Fairs in Oregon are the definition of diversity and inclusion. Members of all cultures and ages are not only visitors to our county fairs they are a large number of our participants and leaders. Ours and many other county fairs include many events and special days to make sure that our diverse communities have a platform to showcase their cultures and traditions. This inclusion and outreach creates additional expenses that we all realize are a investment in our and our communities children's futures. For us to expand the opportunities for all, we will need additional stable funding. Please remember that county fairs in Oregon have and continue to be the ultimate and oldest private/public project in Oregon. Over the years we have learned to lean more and more on private business and individuals to move our efforts forward while the public dollars have retracted. HB3173 offers this Legislature the opportunity to reverse this trend.  
Thank you,  
Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Dorran