

I am writing in regards to House Bill 3173. I am sure all of you know the importance of the Oregon Fair system. Fair funding is more critical than ever due to the cancellation of last years fairs, the devastation from the wild fires and the lack of sponsorship dollars.

I am a former member of 4-H and FFA. My parents and grandparents were members and leaders. My father was a High School and College Ag Teacher for 40 years. I showed my market and registered swine project at County and State Fairs for 11 years. The Oregon State and County Fairs are very important for Junior Exhibitors to have a competitive outlet for their projects. I have been performing at fairs for the last 35 years with my trained animal act, Cook's Racing Pigs. The Oregon Fair system is near and dear to myself and many other vendors, entertainers, exhibitors and non profit organizations.

I urge you to please support House Bill 3173 and help the Oregon Fairs any way that you can.

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Cook's Racing Pigs