

# Restoring the Past, Building the Future



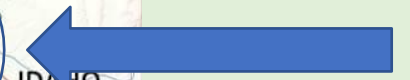
ONTARIO  
RECREATION DISTRICT

HB-2410

# Ontario – At a Glance



+20% In Poverty



Closed  
Golf Course  
City Pool  
Library  
Rec. Dept.

# HB-2410 Ontario Recreation District

- **Voted and formed in 2018 as a property taxing district in Ontario as a special district of Oregon.**
  - Identified key areas of influence as the mission of the Ontario Recreation District.
  - Claimed ownership of property and former community rec center project committee.
  - Created key partnerships with local and state entities to address areas of influence.
  - Conservatively budgeted over last three-years to **retain 53% of tax base for project.**
  - Proactively identified future expense and revenue projections through state and nationwide review.
  - Passed a city increase in **Transient Occupancy Tax of 1% to be allocated for OCRC exclusively.**
  - Finalized 100% Construction Documents that have been submitted to the City and County for permits.
  - Project will be prepared to break ground in March, 3.5 years following district formation.

# HB-2410 Ontario Community Rec Center (OCRC)

- Renovated Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, and Skatepark with new Gymnasium.
- Reorganized “Ontario Swim Club” non-profit for swimming facility related costs.
- Peer Center serving youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> through social services, employment, credit recovery, and recreational programming.

Social Services: CinA, DHS, TEC, and Lifeways

Employment: Ontario Rec District, Oregon Youth Corps. (Est 2020).

Credit Recovery: Oregon Youth Corps, Oregon Youth Development Division

Recreational Programming: Ontario Recreation District.

# HB-2410 Critical Clarifications

- Expense & Revenue projections have been a key focus of project sustainability
- Operations & Maintenance funding established through district and TOT tax.
- OCRC Peer Center support and continued funding established.
- Recreation & amenity tourism redirected back to Oregon from Idaho.
- All the benefits of a rec center and continued benefits of youth early intervention.
  - Restored and improved health, wellness, tourism, and competitiveness with Idaho.
  - Redirection of at-risk youth through community support and involvement.
  - Long term sustainable facility supporting rural eastern Oregon demographics.

# HB-2410 The Need is Now

- The Border Region is unable to compete with local Idaho in facilities, amenities, and programs.
- Employers, residents, and prospective residents consistently point to amenities, facilities, and a lack of programming engaging the youth as a key issue.
- The lack of amenities inhibits economic development, workforce attraction and retention, and tax base stability in this Eastern Oregon Region.
- Early intervention can result in higher education, income, and community development while a lack of will result in continued addiction, mental health decline, and homelessness.
- **Oregon's and the Recreation Districts commitment to early intervention through community development is wholly compatible with HB-2410**



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