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In the City of North Bend on the coast, the community was very concerned about the amount of drownings that occurred.

So the community built a swimming pool so all students in North Bend could learn how to swim.

Swimming pools are very important to communities. They can be used for lap swimming, water polo, seniors use them for swim aerobics.

During the covid pandemic the Governor forced swimming pools to close with no scientific evidence to prove covid had a high transmissibility in chlorinated pools. The CDC Website states "There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through water in swimming pools." (Source 1)
The legislature failed to hold the Governor in check.

Like an unplugged refrigerator sitting unused, the equipment at the pool sat unused and resulted in shortened the life of the equipment.

As a result the North Bend pool has sat closed waiting on major repairs for the good part of 3 years due to a poorly made mandates by the Governor.

The pool is expected to reopen May 2023.

The North Bend Swimming Pool is the only indoor short course competition swimming pool in Coos County.

There are no other indoor pools from the Oregon/California to North Bend on US-101 (116 miles)

Source 1: CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/aquatics-professionals/covid-19-and-aquatic-venues.html>

I support this bill because swimming pools are important to communities.