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House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans

Re: HB 2948-2

Honorable Chair Grayber, Honorable Vice Chairs and members of the committee:

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners fully supports HB 2948-2 and the appropriation of \$20 million for grants for improvement of fairgrounds used for emergency evacuation sites.

Although, the Clatsop County Fairgrounds has been designated as an evacuation site, it has a number of critical infrastructures needs that could be addressed via this funding source. Clatsop County is in a high-risk area with particular vulnerability to earthquake, tsunami, coastal storms and wildfires. As a rural County, with high tourist volume, we need the site(s) and facilities to serve residents and visitors alike in emergency situations.

The Clatsop County fairgrounds facilities are an essential infrastructure for our emergency response capabilities. Designating resources for improvements is public dollars well spent and a worthwhile investment in local resiliency and emergency response capabilities.

Thank you for your service and commitment to this important topic.

Respectfully,

Mark Kujala, Chair, District 1

Courtney Bangs, Vice - Chair, District 4

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