

Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, Co Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg & Smith - members of the committee,

For the record I am Union County Commissioner Paul Anderes

- My number one priority for Union County is Representative Levy & Senator Hansell's House Bill 2635 - Funding to restore water and provide sewage disposal to Union County Fairgrounds. Our Fairgrounds is so much more than one-week in the summer featuring youth livestock, funnel cakes and carnival rides. Union County Fairgrounds hosts more than 25 distinct events aside from the Fair in August. Our Fairgrounds is a go-to space for community events all year long. We are trying to hold these events without the most basic services a reliable supply of water and a functioning septic system. As commissioners we have increased funding but we need support from the State of Oregon to continue this vital economic driver for our County.
- I also serve as the chair of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association representing 15 Counties East of the Cascades. EOCA's Legislative Priorities have not waivered this entire session:

- ❖ *Stable Fairgrounds Funding* HB2510, HB SB451, HB2436, Stable Fairground has been our priority for over five years.
- ❖ *Stable and Increased State support for District Attorney offices* POP 101, [HB 2391A](#)/POP 105 We recognize the need for equitable DA Salaries and the current understaffing of DA offices.
- ❖ *OSU Statewide programs 4H, Extension and research Continuing Service Level* SB458 These are the lifeblood of our Counties
- ❖ *Wolf Compensation* HB2631 Our producers are suffering far too many losses. The proposals are non – lethal measures to deal with a problem that was not of our citizens & producers making.

As Association of Oregon Counties Co-chair of Transportation & Community Development I fully support Codifying ODOT's Fund Exchange it is vital to county Road Programs. We also support HB3113 the "great streets" program. Union County for example has 6 of our 7 cities with State highways as main streets.

I also personally support SB955 that funds an AgriStress Helpline in Oregon. Any suicide is a tragedy, and if we can prevent even one, it is worth the investment. Thank you for making the trip to Eastern Oregon we appreciate you listening.

