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My name is Gary Haga. I am a member of the Coos County Fair Board. We are in support of SB771.

We are a small county and a poor one. Our fairground buildings are in sad shape. We have been getting some small grants to help out with upgrades but if this bill passes it would sure help with some of our projects. Two of our buildings need new roofs and we are one of the few counties that do not have a covered arena. We don't have a place for our 4H horse clubs to ride in the winter months.

Our fair and rodeo is the social event of the year for many in our county and our arena is booked all summer with livestock events. Our 4H clubs are growing each year and we have run out of space in the barns. Not all the kids get to participate. This type of grant might allow us to add onto one of the existing barns and make room for all the 4H kids.

Our fairgrounds are in Myrtle Point, a small community, and this week of events brings many visitors which is a boost to the community businesses.

We have several hard working volunteers that try their best to keep up the grounds and building repairs with the small amount of funds we have.

We in Coos County encourage you to please vote DO PASS to send SB771 to the Joint Ways and Means Committee and support Oregon rodeos by providing grant funding for capital facility needs.

Thank you,

Gary Haga,  
Coos County Fair Board