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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB771

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To: Senate Committee on Labor and Business

Fr: Senator (retired) Bill Hansell

Re: Senate Bill 771

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham and Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter in support of SB771 and urge you to pass it out of your committee. It is a bill that I believe will make a huge impact on rural communities across our great state. I was privileged to submit a similar bill, SB 1038 in the 2023 Session. At that time two of the rodeos in District #29, had contacted my office for help in some capital construction needs they had. As I began to work on trying to help them, it became apparent that Oregon had many such community rodeos throughout the State, so why not try to do a bill that could potentially help all of them. And that became SB 1038. But as often happens, some bills take more than one session to work out all the details. I think the details have been ironed out, and SB771 is ready to go. I want to point out that this Bill is only for the smaller rodeos, located in communities of 12,000 or less, and for relatively small amount of \$250,000 maximum per grant. But I can assure you that \$250,000 will go a long ways in Ukiah, or Elgin, who were the two communities that contacted me originally. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support, and I urge an aye vote on SB771.

Thank you,

Bill Hansell