



**Elgin Stampede Association
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**Senate Committee on Labor and Business
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 77301**

RE: Support for SB 771 – Funding for Rodeo Ground Improvements

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

We are writing in support of SB 771 that will provide funding for rodeo grounds improvements. This year marks our 78th Annual Elgin Stampede rodeo, we take pride in carrying this tradition on by providing one of the best small rodeos in the Northwest.

Currently we are looking to replace our Elgin Stampede Community Hall. The Elgin Stampede Community Hall has served the Elgin community and surrounding area for more than 70 years, hosting events, funerals, crab feeds, fundraisers, and gatherings that have strengthened us as a community. Now, as we look to the future, it's time to ensure that this essential space can continue to support our community for generations to come. By building a new modern facility we can provide a safe welcoming environment for everything from local events and family gatherings to emergency response efforts when our community needs it most.

Mission Statement of The Elgin Stampede Association is to preserve and promote the rich traditions of rural Oregon by fostering community engagement, supporting local enterprises and encouraging educational, artistic, and cultural participation. We aim to enhance our

stampede events, provide vital facilities, and contribute to the economic and cultural vitality of our community.

Thank you for taking the time in considering supporting SB 771. This would make a huge impact on the small rodeos in our area. It definitely would help to support a safe environment for our Rodeo and our new Elgin Stampede Community Hall.

Thanks again for considering SB 771

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thérèse J. Wiles". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Thérèse J Wiles

Elgin Stampede past Director & volunteer for 27 years

ALWAYS THE 2nd FULL WEEKEND IN JULY