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On Behalf Of: Spray Rodeo Association
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB771

RE: Support for SB771 - Funding for rodeo repairs

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee

Thank you for the consideration of SB771

If SB771 were to pass it would give Spray Rodeo the much-needed support to replace our corral system that was built over 30 years ago using local juniper trees for building material.

Spray Rodeo started in 1948. The town of Spray's population is 138 people. As of last year, our attendance was around 6,500 people. Over the years the contestants' entries have increased to the point where we have to hold extra rodeo stock off site at a local ranch. The funding that SB771 would provide would allow us to improve our corral system. The improved corral system would allow our animals (athletes) more room to rest and relax. A larger corral system will also allow us to house all the animals and limit the amount of time they are transported.

Spray Rodeo is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit and has a donation ratio between 1,000-5,000 given to people in need and supporting Miss NPRA and local volunteer fire and volunteer ambulance crews.

After the rodeo the rodeo grounds are open to the public for all to use. This last year the Rodeo grounds housed over 800 fire fighters along with a chow hall, showers, restrooms and parking. In the past Cycle Oregon used the rodeo grounds as a stopping point for some much-needed shade and rest. Other events throughout the year include a church luncheon, 4th of July events and an open arena for people to train and practice for their equestrian events.

SB 771 would be a much-needed boost for the Spray Rodeo's improvements to include repairs of electrical, water, building repairs and corral replacement.

Please, Please, Please vote DO PASS on SB771, Please.

Please help us pass on our way of life, values, traditions to the next future generation.

Sincerely

board member

DJ Brown.