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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB771

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, Committee Members,

I support SB 771 to provide funding for rodeo grounds improvements.

The Coos County Fairgrounds doesn't just host a fair one week out of the year, it functions as a community site for several events as well as an emergency shelter in times of crisis.

We are blessed to have a team of dedicated volunteers who put in the hours to provide needed maintenance on the grounds, including in the rodeo facility.

Making available a grant not to exceed \$250,000 will help the fairgrounds in my county, and other small rodeos be able to put on shows that are safe, well maintained and bring revenue to local economies near the facilities. It will also help up and rising youth learn how to care for animals.

Please support SB 771