

Submitter: John Rowell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2304

House Bill 2304 - our Fairgrounds Revitalization Act - contains language to remove the cap on our 1% lottery funding, splitting 90% of proceeds to county fairgrounds and 10% to the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center. The bill also provides a master plan for capital construction needs for all fairgrounds, \$21 million to the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center for emergency operations center funding, and \$2.5 million to Union County for sewer and water health and safety infrastructure. The Grant County Fair is in support of this bill. We need the cap on the 1% to continue to operate as an emergency center. The cap was put into place 20 years ago and does not fit the needs of our fair as the main economic driver in our county and as the main hub if there is another emergency like there was in 2015. Grant County also strongly believes all county fairgrounds deserve to have running water and sewer as it is a basic health standard. Please support this bill and help Union County become a healthy community hub.