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As a resident of Harney County and Oregon, I urge you to support HB 2145 to increase funds to county fairgrounds. These public gathering places are underfunded, but crucial to our communities.

Removing the cap on lottery dollars and allowing more funding will help revitalize historically underfunded fairgrounds across the state. More funding will help repair and improve infrastructure and facilities that support varied organizations and citizens.

In Harney County you can find many groups using the fairgrounds, from the expected agriculture shows, 4-H and FFA youth activities, rodeos, therapeutic horse lessons, to community gatherings of weddings, funerals, powwows, school events, and concerts. In times of emergency, like last summer, the fairgrounds hosted over a thousand firefighters and support personnel.

The use and need of these facilities is not questioned in our county. I urge you to support and pass this bill so that adequate services and facilities can continue to support Oregon's citizens and organizations.