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## House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business

Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

### Subject: Support for HB 2304 and –1 Amendment

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Diehl and Isadore, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade:

I am writing on behalf of TCB Management Group, INC in strong support of HB 2304 and the –1 amendment, which will provide essential funding and planning resources for county fairgrounds and the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center (OSFEC). As a company that directly provides security and staffing services for Oregon's fairs and events, we recognize the vital role these facilities play—not only as cultural and economic hubs but also as critical infrastructure for emergency response.

Each year, TCB alone contributes over \$2.5 million in payroll directly related to our work at Oregon fairs. This industry is a significant economic driver, supporting thousands of jobs and generating revenue for local communities. By removing the funding cap on Oregon State Lottery proceeds, developing a statewide master plan for capital improvements, and authorizing bonds to strengthen fairgrounds as emergency and evacuee centers, this bill ensures these facilities can continue to serve their communities effectively.

Beyond their role as event and economic centers, Oregon's fairgrounds are critical emergency management resources, providing shelter and support in times of crisis, whether for wildfire evacuations, extreme weather events, or other emergencies. Ensuring these fairgrounds receive the necessary funding for infrastructure improvements and emergency preparedness is crucial for community resilience.

The Oregon State Fairgrounds have proven their importance in emergency response. In 2020, they were used for emergency and evacuee operations for 236 days (65% of the year). In 2021, that number increased to 262 days (72% of the year), providing essential services for:

- Wildfire evacuees
- Houseless shelters
- Hazardous waste storage
- COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites
- Emergency training for first responders

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Despite these critical services, these fairgrounds lack the necessary resources to sustain their emergency response capabilities.

By passing HB 2304 and the –1 amendment, the Legislature would be making a smart investment in the long-term sustainability of these fairgrounds. The demand for these spaces in emergency situations continues to grow, and securing this funding will help keep facilities safe, operational, and ready when disaster strikes.

As a business that relies on these fairgrounds, we recognize their year-round importance—not just during fair season, but as essential infrastructure for emergency preparedness and community resilience. We urge your support of HB 2304 and the –1 amendment to protect these critical assets and ensure Oregon’s fairgrounds remain viable for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Mike G. Goff

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