



March 21, 2025

The Honorable Lisa Reynolds  
The Honorable Shannon Isadore  
Oregon Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Reynolds and Representative Isadore:

RE: Senate Bill 602 - Task Force on Modernizing Nonprofit Grant Funding and Contracting Recommendations

the Oregon Bluegrass Association (OBA) joins with Oregon's nonprofits to ask you to support the recommendations of the state Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting by passing Senate Bill 602. The recommendations are designed to improve the process and outcomes of government grants and contracts by empowering nonprofits to deliver critical services efficiently and cost effectively to Oregonians.

Founded in 1982, the Oregon Bluegrass Association is a community-based volunteer-run, 501(c) (3) non-profit arts organization consisting of individual and band memberships. Based in Portland, the OBA has a chapter in Roseburg. Our mission is the promotion, preservation, and performance of bluegrass and related music.

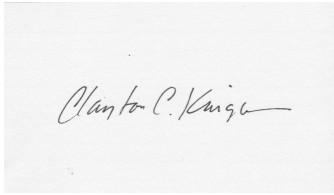
Our organization has experienced challenges attributable to the decentralized nature of nonprofit funding in the State of Oregon.

Senate Bill 602, if enacted, improves and streamlines how government grants and contracts are structured and administered. The Bill would make important changes such as creating an office of nonprofit partnership and establishing a nonprofit advisory council to oversee service improvements, implementation, and compliance.

To review all of the task force's findings and recommendations, we encourage you to read the full report.

We hope that we can count on your leadership in guiding the passage of Senate Bill 602. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Clayton Knight  
President  
Oregon Bluegrass Association

Cc Senate Rules Committee