

Submitter: Rev Karen Hill
On Behalf Of: Lane County Coalition of Recreation Arts Athletics
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
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I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I live and work in Cottage Grove and support the Bohemia Foundation, and CoRAA is helping the community complete north-end improvements at Bohemia Park.

Bohemia Park is the site of many of Cottage Grove's most important gatherings (such as children playing in the park, people walking their dogs, the Eugene symphony playing at the bandstand in the summer, community Christmas gathers, and so many other events which happen daily and annually.) We have a brand new splash pad in the park that will be wonderful for children during the hot summers in Cottage Grove. We look forward to new developments that will offer free access to even more amenities for area youth and families. This is so important in a small town.

I know that many difficult decisions will be made this legislative session, but I encourage you to support CoRAA. All of CoRAA's projects have preventative healthcare benefits (both physical and mental), tremendous economic development impact, and will greatly enhance the quality of life here in Lane County.

The groups that make up CoRAA have raised \$21 million dollars and are requesting \$6.34 million to COMPLETE seven important capital projects, in both urban and rural areas of Lane County.

Thank you for your time and service to Oregonians and for your support of this important coalition.

Sincerely,

Rev. Karen G. Hill

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