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On Behalf Of: Lane CoRAA Frozen Ice Sports
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Capital Construction Subcommittee,

I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I am a supporter of Frozen Ice Sports, and CoRAA is helping us replace the roof at the Lane Ice Center, which is currently leaking and has been leaking for a number of years. Band-Aid fixes have kept water off the main ice surface, but these efforts are becoming harder to make water collection successful. Continued deterioration could cause the closure of the entire facility, which would be devastating to the hundreds of community members who love and use this rink every day.

Closure of the facility would be a huge blow to our community. Especially after FIS, private funds and cooperation with Lane County completely replaced the ice making equipment and ice surface chilling system in the summer of 2024, which took a lot of volunteer work and fundraising effort.

As with all legislative sessions, I know that many difficult decisions will need to be made, but I encourage you to support CoRAA.

- All projects in CoRAA have preventative healthcare benefits (both physical and mental),
- Positive economic development impact,
- Will greatly enhance the quality of life here in Lane County. And
- Are shovel ready, can begin as soon as funds received and will complete each project without additional funds needed.

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.

Best Regards:
Nicholas Foreman, PhD