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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for SB 5531 - Supporting Rural Oregon by Funding Community Rodeo
Arena Improvements

Dear Co-Chair Senator Girod, Co-Chair Representative Nosse, and Committee
Members:

Sutherlin Stampede Association, Inc. has a long history providing livestock and rodeo
events for the community to participate in and enjoy at our rodeo grounds in
Sutherlin.

We are committed to helping preserve our community traditions and heritage for
future generations. We realize our aging grounds need major improvements to
become the destination event grounds our community needs. We need to
upgrade/update our lighting, replace aging bleachers and add more that are up to
code. Our existing chutes and panels are no longer safe to use - we rent when
needed and available. We work closely with the city and other organizations on this
long term plan and goals. We are also providing scholarships and supporting other
nonprofit organizations serving our community.

Creating a safe, accessible family friendly grounds will help strengthen our
community and increase tourism. It will give our local youth a place to learn and
participate in our shared traditions and rural lifestyle.

Sutherlin is working hard to show other our rural communities what can happen when
groups work together on a shared goal. Our tourism is up, businesses are growing,
downtown becoming a place to shop and visit.

This is the type of economic development rural Oregon needs. We need your help to
continue this growth.

Thank you!