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On Behalf Of:

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:

Thank you for the consideration of SB 5531

If SB 5531 were to pass it would give Spray Rodeo the much-needed support to  
replace are corral system that was built over 30 years ago using local juniper trees  
for building material.

Spray Rodeo started in 1948. The town of Spray's population is 138 people. As of  
last year, are attendance was around 6,500 people. Over the years the contestants  
entries have increased to the point where we have to hold extra rodeo stock off site  
at a local ranch. The funding that SB 5531 would provide would allow us to improve  
are

corral system. The improved corral system would allow are animals (athletes) more  
room to rest and relax. A larger corral system will also allow us to house all the  
animals and limit the amount of time they are transported.

Spray Rodeo is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit and has a donation ratio between 1,000-5,000  
given to people in need and supporting miss NPRA are local volunteer fire and  
volunteer ambulance crews

After the rodeo the rodeo grounds are open to the public for all to use. This last year  
the Rodeo grounds housed over 800 fire fighters along with a chow hall, showers,  
restrooms and parking. In the past Cycle Oregon used the rodeo grounds as a  
stopping point for some much-needed shade and rest. Other event throughout the  
year

include a church luncheon, 4th of July events and an open arena for people to train  
and practice for their equestrian events.

SB 5531 will provide critical funding for Spray Rodeo's improvements to  
include repairs of electrical, water, building repairs and corral replacement,  
bleachers, fencing, chutes, lighting, and restrooms.

This will increase tourism, enhance safety, and strengthen our rural communities.

This is economic development for rural Oregon, where we need it the most!

Please help us pass on our way of life, values, traditions to future generations.

Sincerely

Spray Rodeo Association Director  
DJ Brown.

Thank you!