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On Behalf Of: North County Food Bank
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5701

To: The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

I am writing in SUPPORT of Sen. Suzanne Weber's funding request for site improvements to build a new distribution facility for North County Food Bank (NCFB). The NCFB is an integral part of North Tillamook County's ability to feed our citizens in need. As a member of the volunteer community I can attest to the importance of our food bank as a partner that supports other emergency and regular food production, collection, and distribution in our area.

NCFB was asked to move from the decommissioned Old Wheeler Hospital to make way for Nehalem Bay Health District improvements. NCFB has spent over \$350,000 on property, architecture, permits, and access to the site. This represents a significant investment and an approximately 1.75 times match for the requested capital funding.

Your funding allocation is critical to furthering the infrastructure improvements of sewer, water, electricity and communications to the site. This request represents approximately 25 percent of the necessary funding for the overall project. NCFB has secured donations and grants to construct the balance of the project and the site has room for future expansion of which the planned utilities can serve.

NCFB has provided consistent food distribution of over 33 years. The health and welfare of our community depends on NCFB. This is a good and reasonable investment of state dollars that will provide returns for future decades for people in need in Tillamook County.

Please allocate funds for the North County Food Bank New Distribution Facility project.

Thank You
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