

President Courtney, Speaker Kotek, Co-Chairs: Senator Girod and Representative Read.

Members of the Subcommittee:

I represent Benton County on the South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (serving Benton, Lane, Lincoln and Lane Counties). I write in support of the \$14M in lottery bonds for the Regional Infrastructure Fund for Regional Solutions. Our region benefits greatly from the regional solutions approach of collaboration and cooperation to improve housing, entrepreneurism, business incubation, and accelerating manufacturing and new technologies. Strategies include access to venture capital and commercialization. These efforts promote regional workforce readiness and support rural industrial development opportunities. Additionally, our region is diverse and can be served by improvements in all modes of transportation.

The network of participants provides for building strong partnerships in a regional approach.

We urge the Capital Construction Committee to support these efforts.

Respectfully,
Annabelle Jaramillo
Benton County Commissioner