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The Honorable Senator Chuck Riley - Chair
Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability
900 Court Street NE
Room 347 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairman:

The Oregon Military Department submits this testimony related to Senate Bill 384. As an Executive Branch agency the Oregon Military Department is officially neutral in regards to Senate Bill 384.

We are concerned there may be unintended consequences to the Oregon Military Department as a result of SB 384. Our concern is based on 20-years of history with the Fair Commission (and subsequent management) over control of the Salem Armory and associated grounds. Possible impacts of this bill in any way which affect state ownership of the armory and associated grounds will remain a concern to the Oregon Military Department, State of Oregon.

A potential solution which would allow for all parties to move forward collaboratively would be to provide an amendment to SB 384 which would edit ORS 565.451 by revising subparagraph (1) to read:

"(1) "Fairground properties and facilities" means grounds, equipment, permanent and temporary structures and other improvements that are owned, rented, leased or otherwise controlled for Oregon State Fair or exposition center purposes [other than the Salem Armory and grounds]."

This would remove any ambiguity regarding future implications to a facility that is still very much in use by the soldiers of the Oregon National Guard, under the control of the Oregon Military Department, State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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