

KCEDA

Klamath County Economic Development Association

May 18, 2017

Senator Fred Girod
Representative Paul Holvey
Joint Ways and Means
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA) Support SB 5530

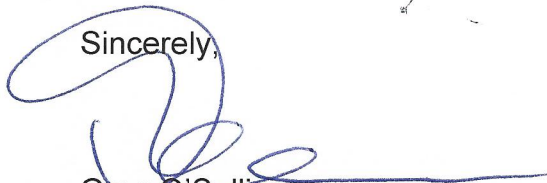
Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I am writing you on behalf of The Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA) to express our organization's support of SB 5530, regarding increases in the amount of lottery bonds authorized to be issued for Oregon Business Development Department and Housing and Community Services Department.

KCEDA is the Klamath region's economic development agency. Our primary purpose is to lead economic development and diversification of the county through areas such as marketing, targeted recruitment, business retention/expansion, and completion of various strategic projects. Ultimately, we look to strengthen the reach and depth of our industry offerings, creating an economic climate that generates jobs and entices consistent investment. Groups like Regional Solutions have and continue to be a critical partner in our economic and community development strategies, providing assistance in a multitude of areas that range from attracting new businesses to our rural community and helping us identify ways of which we can encourage local investment/internal growth. Funding like this provides a service that gives EDO's, such as us, a much needed communication line with the state.

We frequently are finding there are several objectives we can partner with these entities on, and encourage your consideration and support for this legislation.

Sincerely,



Greg O'Sullivan
Executive Director
KCEDA