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Senator Kathleen Taylor
Representative Jeff Reardon
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Subcommittee on Natural Resources
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Good afternoon Committee Members,

Thank you for your time and approval this afternoon on the federal historic grant program grant for Oregon's rural and historic theatres. I want to clarify the question about what qualifies as rural as I did not feel good about how I answered that one. Rural is defined as population of 50,000 or less by the US Consensus. For the funds for this particular grant, we will only be distributing them to the prioritized theatres that meet the grant criteria, including rural.

For the theatres that are outside of the rural definition, that make the statewide prioritization list, we will coordinate with our other grant programs, such as our Oregon Main Street Program and our Main Street Revitalization Program, as well as our cooperating partners to seek alternative funding for those non-rural theatre projects. Sorry for any confusion I created.

As for the oldest theatre in Oregon it is the Avalon in Portland. It was created as the Sunnyside Theatre in 1912 and is believed to be the oldest operating theatre in Oregon. Here is a link for more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avalon_Theatre_\(Portland,_Oregon\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avalon_Theatre_(Portland,_Oregon))

Thank you again for your attention and approval this afternoon. And for bearing with me presenting something that my team knows far more details about!

Sincerely,

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Director