

Ways and Means Transportation and Economic Development Senator James Manning, Jr. (Co-Chair), Representative David Gomberg (Co-Chair), Senator Jeff Golden, Senator Bill Hansell, Representative Paul Evans, Representative Gary Leif, Representative Rachel Prusak, Representative Duane Stark

Reference: 2019-2021 Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) SB 5524

Dear Ways & Means Subcommittee,

The Oregon Coast Visitor's Association (OCVA) supports the Regional Solutions process and priorities. OCVA has worked with Regional Solutions on more than one project over the years and supports full allocation funding through Business Oregon.

OCVA has a strong relationship with Regional Solutions and Alex Campbell, the south coast staffer. The Chetco Bar Fire Recovery Council brought stakeholders together to help address the needs of the south coast communities following the destructive wildfire. Funding was brought to the area to improve affected trails, track water quality, to market the area after the flames were put out, and to provide connections to low interest loans for affected businesses.

OCVA also has provided our funds and supported the allocation of Regional Solutions funding to develop the Whiskey Run Mountain Biking System just north of Bandon. This trail system is bringing many tourists and their dollars to the area to ride these world class biking trails. These trails are also a great opportunity for locals to get outside and get exercise on the newly constructed trails.

We are pleased to support Regional Solutions and are looking forward to partnering with Alex and the program in the future.

Sincerely,

Dave Lacey

Destination Coordinator, Oregon Coast Visitors Association