



HARNEY COUNTY COURT

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House Committee on Economic Development
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Harney County Support for HB 3110

Dear Chair John Lively and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for HB 3110. I am on the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEOC) Board of Directors and past President. GEODC provides grant funding services to 7 eastern Oregon Counties and 39 cities with a staff of 4 people. GEODC would greatly benefit with the additional capacity HB 3110 would provide.

GEODC has a track record of NO Findings with our annual audits 3 years in a row. This equates to trained staff that are successful at managing state and federal dollars.

I strongly encourage you to move HB 3110 forward. This will allow GEODC to increase their capacity at securing federal, state and philanthropic grant funds that will support eastern Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Runnels".

Pete Runnels
Harney County Judge