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On Behalf Of: Oregon Fairs Association  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure: SB894

Dear Chair Jama and members of the Committee -

The Oregon Fairs Association supports SB 894. It is a critical piece of our legislative agenda to support the work and the infrastructure of our fairgrounds properties throughout the state that serve our communities so reliably and well.

The Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center (OSFEC) serves and hosts hundreds of thousands of Oregonians each year. It showcases and represents the best of Oregon. And it serves our region and our state as almost no other property or facility could do in times of need.

OFSEC is a preeminent state and regional asset. It should be maintained as such. OFSEC, in consultation with state and local partners, has identified about \$20 million in capital funding needs that can keep the Fairgrounds as a functional and excellent emergency center for both the region and the state. The projects contemplated by SB 894 are not flashy - roof replacement, bathroom renovations, HVAC installations and asphalt repair - but they are exactly the type of projects government should be funding to maintain their community assets and serve their citizens, especially in times of need.

Please support SB 894. It's time to start re-investing in our State Fairgrounds.