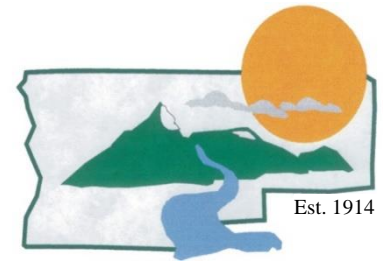


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March 21, 2023

To: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Re: **SB 1038**

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and Committee Members;

My name is Kelly Simmelink, Jefferson County Commissioner and I write to you today in full support of Senate Bill 1038 with amendments.

The sport of Rodeo is a time-honored tradition that we must invest in. Fairgrounds and Rodeo arenas across the state are in poor shape and in need of attention that Associations and Counties cannot muster alone.

This bill would be key to our arena project at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds as well as improvements at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds in Warm Springs.

As with all funding requests, we will deliver great outcomes that exceed the expectations of the Legislation proposed. I urge your support of SB 1038 and thank Senator Hansell for his efforts to bring this forward. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for putting real efforts into this session on much needed infrastructure in rural Oregon!

Sincerely,
Kelly Simmelink
Jefferson Co. Commissioner