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On Behalf Of: The Climate

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB4124

First, I support the arts. As I write this, 201 testimonies are in support, and 2 partly opposed. Were I to "Support" I believe my comments would be unnoticed.

Second, Combatting Climate Change has a higher priority. OBDD should give priority to projects with less climate impact, choosing centralized projects that require less travel and fossil fuel burning, like accessible by public transit.

Third: I oppose the indiscriminate use of emergency clauses. Removing it would give more applicants more time to develop better proposals.

Fourth: Even insignificant things mount up to needless costs. For example, this bill could be published on 3 pages instead of 4 if Section 3 items were printed on one line each.

Fifth: Although a major league baseball stadium is not mentioned in this bill, there are rumors it might be added. MLB, since 1903, has failed in Portland, and any public money it might claim would be far better spent delaying climate disaster.

Nobody wants to hear it, but tourism is not a sustainable industry. Trying to support it is a distraction.

Similarly, the precision of some of the numbers, especially totals, creates a sense of precision that does not exist. Let OBDD deal with the pennies.

Thank you.