

Submitter: Jordan Land
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1501
For Your Consideration,

I remember being 7 years old, circa 1993, sitting in the living room of my sw Portland home with my father, huddled around the radio listening to Bill Schonely call a Blazers playoff game back when Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Uncle Cliffy, Jerome Kersey, Buck Williams and Kevin Duckworth held the collective imagination of this city. There was an electricity in the air and more than that there was a sense of overwhelming pride, support and ownership of those Blazers. For a small town tucked away in the PNW where national relevance was hard to come by, that team gave us something to rally around and be united by. I have lived in Portland my whole adult life and even though there have been some lean seasons in Portland, the support of the Blazers, and the franchises ability to bring this city and region together has never wavered. There is no Portland without Rip City. Its OUR TEAM. It unites our community in ways nothing else can. Its our identity. Through civil unrest, division, fear and hate we at least have a unifying rallying point to bind us. A team that allows us to put everything else aside and cheer as one for the red and black. We need that as a community...now more than ever. Without the Blazers, I truly fear what would become of our beloved city. Please do everything you can to pass this measure and keep Rip City right where it should be....with the proud people of Portland, Oregon. Go Blazers.