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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1501

I oppose SB1501. The state of Oregon does not need to own or operate a stadium / venue that will be used for professional sports. This is far outside the charter of government. Will games be free to all Oregon residents to attend? NO. Will this be an income generator for the state? Maybe. Will it be a larger income generator for the professional sports teams that play there? Yes. Will those pro sports teams return any of that to the state? Probably not. The Moda Center should continue to be privately owned and operated with zero business tax breaks.