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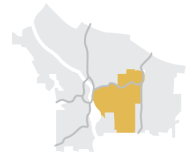
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Senate Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
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Chair Jama, Vice Chair Starr, and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

As a Portland City Councilor representing District 3 (the majority of SE Portland and parts of NE Portland), and as a public school teacher and proud union member, I am writing to clarify my support of SB 1501. My support is grounded in clear expectations for strong labor standards, community benefits, and meaningful public accountability.

The Trail Blazers are an important part of Oregon's identity. Many of us can recall the moments that brought our communities together and the ways the organization has contributed beyond the court. I want that legacy to continue, and I understand the importance of ensuring the Moda Center remains a viable, modern facility.

At the same time, I approach this proposal through the lens of someone who has taught as a public school educator for 16 years. I see the unmet needs in our schools and neighborhoods. I see the pressure on working families. When we consider a substantial public investment in a publicly owned arena, we must be able to clearly demonstrate how that investment benefits the people who fund it. If this renovation moves forward, it must create family-wage union jobs, include strong apprenticeship pathways, and uphold prevailing wage standards. It must protect and uplift the service and hospitality workers who will power the facility long after construction is complete. It must include enforceable community benefit commitments, opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses, and transparent reporting so the public can track outcomes.

Public dollars represent the hard-earned wages of teachers, healthcare workers, tradespeople, and families across Oregon. Those dollars should generate durable public good – not just projections on paper, but real opportunity and stability in our communities.

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Modernizing the Moda Center should mean building a true civic asset: a year-round venue that strengthens surrounding neighborhoods, advances sustainability goals, and reflects Oregon's commitment to fairness and shared prosperity.

I recognize that SB 1501 is an initial step and that further negotiations will follow at the local level. I am committed to working with my Council colleagues, labor partners, and community stakeholders to ensure that any final agreement reflects our values and meets a high standard of accountability.

I support SB 1501 with the understanding that this project must be done responsibly, transparently, and in a way that honors the working people whose contributions make public investment possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Tiffany Koyama Lane
Portland City Councilor, District 3

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