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On Behalf Of: Iron Workers Local 29
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1501

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jason Fussell, Business Manager for Iron Workers Local 29. I am writing in support of SB 1501.

Large public facilities like the Moda Center support year-round economic activity and major construction investment. Renovation and modernization projects of this scale mean real work for Oregon's skilled construction workforce and long-term economic benefits for the surrounding community.

SB 1501 creates a framework that allows the state to move forward with agreements and financing needed to maintain and upgrade this facility. Projects of this magnitude require experienced contractors and a trained workforce to ensure they are built safely, efficiently, and to last. Supporting this project supports good jobs, apprenticeship opportunities, and continued investment in Oregon's infrastructure.

Keeping major venues functional and competitive helps retain events, tourism, and economic activity in the region while providing steady work for local tradespeople.

For these reasons, I urge your support for SB 1501.

Respectfully submitted,
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