

Submitter: Alex Colas
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1501

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alex Colas. I serve as Vice President of Preconstruction at Colas Construction here in Portland.

I support SB 1501.

The Moda Center is one of the few assets in our state that consistently pulls people together at scale. It drives activity for surrounding businesses, supports hospitality and trade jobs, and anchors the Rose Quarter in a meaningful way.

When the arena is busy, the entire district feels it.

We are competing with cities that are aggressively reinvesting in their venues. If we want Portland to continue attracting major events, national tours, and long-term private investment, we have to maintain and modernize our core infrastructure. Facilities like this do not stay competitive on autopilot.

From a construction and economic standpoint, projects of this scale create immediate jobs and long-term momentum. They spark adjacent development, generate tax revenue, and restore confidence in the market.

Downtown Portland needs catalysts. SB 1501 provides one.

I urge your support.

Respectfully,
Alex Colas
Vice President of Preconstruction
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