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Moda Center is a cornerstone for Oregonians, bringing people from around the state together for sports, concerts, community events, and more. It generates an estimated \$670 million in annual economic activity and supports over 4,000 jobs, making it one of our state's most important economic assets. Investing in Moda Center is essential to securing the long-term future of the Trail Blazers, attracting world-class performers, creating jobs, and sparking further investment that will revitalize Portland's central city. As the oldest arena in the NBA to go without a renovation, the time is now to reimagine the facility to bring bigger and better events that will draw Oregonians from every corner of the state. Acting now will also ensure that the renovation is complete in time to host the 2030 NCAA Women's Final Four. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity, and we must act. I urge you to support SB 1501 and move this vision forward to ensure Moda Center continues to serve Oregonians for decades to come.