

**DEB PATTERSON  
STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 10**



**OREGON STATE SENATE**

Obediah Rutledge  
Secretary of the Senate

March 4, 2026

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

I would like to submit a vote explanation on SB 1501B.

I appreciate the guardrails that were added to this bill to reduce financial risk for the state. I also appreciate the real possibility for many good jobs related to this renovation.

However, I voted in opposition to SB 1501B for the following reason. The \$365 million allocated to this one project in Portland could have been used to create good jobs across Oregon, generating economic benefit in all regions of the state. Many important projects were left on the table this session, which I believe was a real loss.

There is a great need across the state for renovations and new building projects which could have moved forward with state bonding support. This includes support for worthy nonprofit projects and emergency management initiatives, which were left unfunded. My constituents expect me to advocate for the needs of my community, and SB 1501B limits the Legislature's ability to invest in critical projects across the state.

It is my sincere hope that the Moda Center investment yields the hoped-for outcomes of good jobs and increased economic activity for the Portland area and beyond. I urge due diligence by all involved to ensure that those jobs are protected and that the Moda Center is a good neighbor for decades to come, to improve the lives of neighbors in the Rose Quarter, the Albina neighborhood, and beyond.

Sincerely yours,

Senator Deb Patterson