



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 2026

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 1501 B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I support keeping the Trailblazers in Portland and I support investing in the Moda Center. I appreciate the guardrails that were added to SB 1501. I chose to vote “no,” however, because I do not believe that this bill goes far enough to protect taxpayers. As additional funding for the Moda Center is secured and a lease is negotiated, I hope to see more conversation and negotiation related to private investment, revenue sharing, and rent. I believe deeply in the power of sports to unite a community and in the importance of investing in Portland and the Lower Albina neighborhood. I hope for the absolute best for this project. In this particularly constrained budget moment, however, I believe it is important to do all we can to maximize the public benefits from the public dollars we spend.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to explain my vote on SB 1501 B.

Sincerely,

Representative Willy Chotzen, House District 46 — Southeast Portland

