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Vote Explanation for SB 1504

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This was Senate President Courtney's last bill carry, and out of deep care for the President I didn't want to vote no. However, the bill as originally introduced presented serious concerns for my district and spelled out an almost certain end for the Tillamook County Fair.

Fortunately, the President's office introduced amendments to address this unintended consequence. The advocates I was in contact with also assured me that with the amendments, the problem had been solved.

To make absolutely sure, I asked the following question to the Carrier on the floor:

"Is it accurate to say the amended bill puts the Racing Commissions administrative rule into statute and therefore my Tillamook County Fair should NOT lose any funding as a result of this bill?"

The Carrier answered "Yes."

To the best of my knowledge, the passage of this bill will have no negative impact on Tillamook County Fair funding. I'd like to thank the local leaders of Tillamook County who alerted me to the potential negative consequences of this bill.

I'd also like to thank Senate President Courtney for his decades of service to Oregon. The Oregon Legislature is losing a giant, and I was honored by the opportunity to work alongside him.

Sincerely,

Senator Rachel Armitage
Oregon Senate District 16