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Senator Rod Monroe, Co-Chair
Representative Betty Komp, Co-Chair
Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education
900 Court St. NE, Room 178
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for OSU Statewides, HB 5031

Dear Co-Chair Monroe, Co-Chair Komp, and Members of the Committee:

We write to offer our support for funding the Oregon State University Statewides, one piece of the City of Portland's agenda in support of rural communities. We view the services and programs offered by the Statewides as a benefit for communities – both rural and urban – that collectively enhance learning and vitality across the state.

The City of Portland recognizes that educational research is key to developing the workforce of the future, attracting employers, and building our economy statewide. The City supports education programs with broad-reaching impacts for communities across the state, like the Oregon State University Experiment Stations, Extension Services, and the Forest Research Laboratories. These programs provide valuable resources in areas of agriculture, aquaculture, and other unique Oregon industries. With programs that reach all 36 counties, these services leverage federal funding and serve as centers of innovation.

We recognize that the state continues to operate with limited resources, but the City of Portland views the Statewides as a valuable resource for rural communities and our state economy. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Charlie Hales
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