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Representative Tina Kotek
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Dear Representative Kotek and Senator Girod:

I'm writing in support of state investment in the Stott Center project at Portland State University. This is a project that OHSU is investing in as well.

As you know, at the request of Representative Greenlick, the Legislature previously directed OHSU and PSU to explore collaborative opportunities. A high-level task force involving faculty and staff from both campuses and community members led us to form the OHSU-PSU Strategic Alliance. The most visible manifestation of this alliance is the Collaborative Life Sciences Building taking shape at South Waterfront, but we also have plans to collaborate on joint faculty appointments, a medical hotel, and a joint School of Public Health.

The Stott Center project is an exciting opportunity to further the collaboration. Both universities are in serious need of meeting space and by combining forces we can more cost-effectively create space that both can use. In addition to OHSU-specific uses (conferences, symposia, free health clinics, collaborative STEM pipeline activities for middle and high school students, etc.) we intend to explore the possibility of using the center for sports medicine, rehabilitation and/or other collaborative allied health training.

This is an important project for PSU and an opportunity to further collaboration between OHSU and PSU. I urge your support.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe E. Robertson".

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March 21, 2013

The Honorable Peter Courtney, Senate President
The Honorable Tina Kotek, House Speaker
The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Oregon State Capitol
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Re: Stott Educational Center and Viking Pavilion

Dear President Courtney, Speaker Kotek, Senator Devlin, Senator Girod, and Representative Buckley:

The Board of Trustees of the Portland State University Foundation strongly supports Portland State University's request for funding for the Stott Educational Center and Viking Pavilion. Our Board of Trustees has unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its unqualified support for the project and calling upon the Oregon legislature to increase the total of the bonding proposed in the governor's higher education construction budget to accommodate the funding for the Stott Educational Center. We send this letter to convey our enthusiasm for this important project and to respectfully request that you do what you might to assure the needed increase in funding for this project is made available in this legislative session.

The Foundation's Trustees have actively engaged with the University and other community members to raise the \$20,000,000 match from private contributions for the state's Article IX-G bond. This project has won the interest and enthusiasm from our donors, PSU alumni, and the community at-large. Our Board of Trustees is committed to working to assure that this project is funded and that the project is successfully completed.

This project is critical for PSU and for the state's 40-40-20 education goal. PSU plays a pivotal role in delivering higher education to much of Oregon's student population. PSU has a documented shortage of study space for its students, a critical resource for increasing student retention. The Stott Educational Center project will convert the existing facility into a multi-purpose building offering academic support space, student collaborative study areas, revamped athletic facilities, and an arena that offers up to 5,500 seats.

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There is no other transformable event space of this size in the community. The University expects to host approximately 140 public events every year at this multi-purpose facility, including lecture series, traveling performances, banquets, charity events, graduation, and sports events. Underscoring the need for such a facility and the space it will afford for its special events, Oregon Health & Science University has already pledged \$1 million for the project. This project will help address the shortage of academic and study space at PSU, enhance the retention of students, and provide an iconic landmark to the PSU campus.

We were very impressed to see *The Oregonian's* editorial endorsement of this project on March 11, 2013. The editorial states:

The proposal makes sense in many ways. It fosters cooperation between two universities and the private sector. It meets needs of the schools and the community. It promises to create something PSU lacks -- a landmark building that draws nonstudents to the campus.

The mission of the Portland State University Foundation is to enhance the development of PSU through our relationships, resources, and guidance. Gifts to the Foundation advance PSU by providing scholarships for outstanding students, supporting faculty research and instruction, and enhancing facilities and program development and growth. This support enables the University to reach levels of excellence unattainable through public funding alone. Since state appropriation covers a decreasing portion of the University's budget, the role of private gifts is even more vital. As a private entity, governed by a board of philanthropic, civic, and business leaders, we strive to support public education and do our part to promote higher education at PSU and across the state.

Thank you for your service to Oregon and your commitment to improving higher education for students. We are happy to answer any additional questions about the Stott Educational Center and Viking Pavilion.

Sincerely,

Portland State University Foundation
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Dear Co-Chair Kotek, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

I support Portland State University's (PSU) effort to expand and renovate the Viking Pavilion and Stott Educational Center. This renovation and expansion is critical to ensuring that PSU can continue to achieve its mission and provide a quality education for our region and state.

In 2012, PSU awarded more than 6,400 degrees and certificates, the largest graduating class in Oregon's history. Approximately 83 percent of the 29,000 students who attend PSU are Oregonians. Already the state's most diverse campus, PSU welcomed a nearly 25 percent increase in Latino students and its largest ever number of international students (1,800) in 2011-12. PSU educates the most low-income students, first-generation students, military veterans, and the largest number of older, non-traditional students of any of the seven Oregon University System institutions.

One of the most significant barriers to the future success of PSU is the lack of adequate space to serve this growing number of students. The university lacks large meetings spaces, modern classrooms, and study areas for students. Located in the heart of campus, the current Stott Center provides an excellent opportunity to renovate an under-utilized space to provide academic and event spaces for students. In addition, this event space will be an asset for the region and provide a much needed venue for lecture series, traveling performances, banquets, charity events, graduations, and sporting events.

Portland State University serves a critical mission for Oregon's students. Our state should match the private investment in this project to ensure that students are no longer forced to study on the floor in hallways or miss class because of a leaky roof. I thank you for your attention to this request and for your service to Oregon. Together, we can make a brighter future for PSU.

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Sincerely,



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Dear Leadership, Co-Chairs, and Committee Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the Superintendent of the Intermountain Education Service District, which provides services to schools in Umatilla, Morrow, Union, and Baker counties. I am also a member of the Oregon Education Investment Board and father of two students at the University of Oregon. I am writing to support the amendment of SB 5506 to include \$8,375,000 in state-backed bonds for the renovation and expansion of the Science Commons and Library at the University of Oregon. While the project will have a clear impact on science education at the University of Oregon, it will also have a less apparent impact on the STEM education throughout the state.

UO students and faculty are active in STEM education throughout the state. In a previous role, as the Deputy Superintendent of the Hermiston School District, I helped to secure a \$3 million, 5-year National Science Foundation grant to introduce the GK-12 program to the district. The Graduate Teaching Fellow in K-12 Education (GK-12) program is administered by the UO Material Sciences Institute. The program places graduate students to serve as resources for teaching hands-on physical science and mathematics in partnering Oregon elementary and middle schools. Gk-12 Fellows spend two weeks per term as "scientists-in-residence." During this period, they work daily in their assigned schools, assisting classroom teachers with a variety of in-school activities focused upon increasing the level of inquiry-based science teaching and learning in rural Oregon schools.

The facilities available to UO graduates student and faculty have an impact the quality of service they are able to offer in programs like GK-12. Remodeling and expanding the UO science library to bring it up to 21st century standards will help to attract more high quality graduate students, who will in turn participate in programs like GK-12. Improved resources will also improve the educational experience of UO graduate students, which again will translate into better prepared fellows for GK-12.

I asked that you keep the potential impacts of this project on STEM education statewide in mind and amend SB 5506 to include funding for the science library.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Subject: Amendment to SB 5506- UO EMU Renovation

Dear Leadership, Co-Chairs and Committee Members,

As leaders of student organizations at the University of Oregon, we ask that you amend SB 5506 to include \$10,000,000 in XI-F Bonds and \$74,300,000 in XI-F (1) bonds to renovate and expand the Erb Memorial Union (EMU).

The EMU is the heart of the University of Oregon in more than just a physical sense. It serves as a gathering place for students and as the nexus for student life on campus while also helping to house many of the 250 student organizations. These groups offer a diverse range of opportunities for students to learn outside of the classroom and engage in campus life. They range from multicultural organizations to club sports.

While the EMU has served these organizations well, it lacks the space to serve the ever-changing need for a student population that is approaching 25,000 people and the student organizations that serve them. The facility's current systems and infrastructure are past their life span and the deferred maintenance is estimated at over \$12 million. These are the reasons why the student population voted in favor of the renovation and expansion of the EMU in 2012.

As student leaders, we ask that you take this into consideration when voting and amend SB 5506 to include the EMU project.

Sincerely,

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