



Oregon Rural Health Association

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ORHA Supports OHSU's \$200 Million Capitol Construction Request

The Oregon Rural Health Association supports OHSU's request for \$200 million in state bonding authority to build a new cancer research center on the OHSU campus in Portland. Phil Knight's generous \$500 million matching grant challenge gives OHSU an unprecedented opportunity to become one of the leading cancer-research sites in the nation and the world.

ORHA believes this is an opportunity for OHSU to increase collaboration between OHSU's cancer-research center and Oregon's rural health care providers.

While we understand that the focus at OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute will be research on early detection and treatment of cancers, we hope there will also be an investment in preventing the incidence of cancers. Prevention and primary care are far more cost effective than treatment once someone already has cancer, even if it is detected early.