



**Oregon State  
Building and Construction  
Trades Council  
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Dear Legislator,

With the short legislative session underway, the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council is eager to go on record in support of \$200 million in state-backed capital construction bonds for new research facilities at OHSU. With the state's investment in this worthwhile project, OHSU is better poised to leverage another \$1 billion in private capital to create the world's premier cancer research center right here in Oregon.

Together, this \$1.2 billion public-private investment will bring an immediate injection of economic activity to our state. When construction begins on two new facilities at OHSU, more than 3,600 construction workers will be put to work. But the impact is broader. When our painters, roofers and ironworkers are earning money, they're also spending money. ECONorthwest estimates more than 6,800 direct, indirect and induced jobs will be created each year during the life of construction.

This project is exactly the kind of public investment that state should be making. It creates thousands of good union jobs immediately with hundreds of permanent jobs to count on when the facilities are operational. They are family wage jobs that give our members an income to support their families and contribute to our communities. And the opportunity to work on state-of-the-art research facilities will also give our members the chance to demonstrate their finest skills and craftsmanship.

As Oregon slowly crawls out of the recession that hit the construction industry hard, we believe Oregon must jump on this unprecedented opportunity to not only create thousands of good-paying jobs, but also become the hub of life-saving cancer research. A thriving new sector of Oregon's economy will incent even more economic activity, benefiting us all in the long run.

We urge you to move quickly to support OHSU's capital construction request. We would also like to go on record in support of capital construction projects at the rest of our fine universities throughout the state.

If you have any questions about the impact to the construction industry, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,

John Mohlis  
Executive Secretary  
Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council