

Co-Chair Komp, Co-Chair Monroe, and Members of Ways and Means Education Subcommittee:

Thank you so much for allowing the public universities to respond to your questions from the hearing on April 8, 2015 about how University Foundations support our public universities. The attached document provides a brief overview of how each university is supported by its foundation.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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## Foundation Support of Public Universities

**Eastern Oregon University:** The EOU Foundation (EOUF) raises money for scholarships and programs in support of Eastern Oregon University. Currently the EOUF holds over \$12 million in restricted assets. The EOUF provides over \$400,000.00 in private scholarships. The Foundation also provides program support ranging from small grants for student projects to professorships that resource research.

**Oregon Tech:** The Oregon Tech Foundation helps with some university operations through support of at least half of the operations of the university development office. Additionally, the Foundation provides support for the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, the special collections library, and has provided in the past, assistance with financing support for the Dow Center for Health Professions. The foundation also assists in accepting all donations of equipment for labs, classrooms and projects. However, a majority of the foundation funding is restricted to scholarships and other donor and grant-directed projects.

**Oregon State University:**

### **The Campaign for OSU – Facility Projects**

Campaign donors committed \$263.8 million for the construction, renovation, or acquisition of more than two dozen new facilities. A list of the major campaign facility projects can be found at: <http://osufoundation.org/fundraisingpriorities/facilities/index.htm>

### **Annual Support from the OSU Foundation to Oregon State University**

(Includes privately-generated support for scholarships and fellowships, faculty positions, research, programs, facilities, special projects)

(in millions)

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Direct University Support (per audited f/s)	61.1	48.9	52.2	40.14	48.6	75.5

Endowment distributions to the University	16.5	15.4	14.5	14.6	15.4	14.8
Foundation board commitments to OSU	0.98	0.93	0.92	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total	<b>78.58</b>	<b>65.23</b>	<b>67.62</b>	<b>55.54</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>91.1</b>

**Portland State University:** University expenses paid with gift funds:

2013-14	\$15.4 million (a 65% increase since 2010)
2012-13	\$12.4 million

Breakdown of 2013-14

\$9.2 million	Academic programs, faculty/staff compensation, faculty travel
\$2.6 million	Scholarships
\$2.6 million	Capital projects
\$1 million	Special initiatives, operations

**Southern Oregon University:** While not technically "campus operations," our Foundation does provide support for university entertaining and events. They also manage donor gift accounts for designated scholarly endeavors and departments, and provide scholarships to qualified students based on donor preferences.

**University of Oregon:** The University of Oregon Foundation accepts, invests and distributes tens of thousands of private gifts annually for the benefit of the university. These private gifts are used to support all facets of the university, from capital projects to the endowment. As the most far-reaching and powerful gifts, endowed funds provide a permanent and stable source of funding for student scholarships, faculty, research, facilities, and academic programs such as student experiential learning and study abroad programs.

**Western Oregon University:** The WOU Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that exists to support the mission of Western Oregon University. It serves as the conduit for tax-deductible donations to support and provide need-based and academic scholarships to make college affordable and available to students who would otherwise be unable to attend. It provides financial support for capital projects to fill gaps between state funding and the costs of new campus constructions. The WOU Foundation houses endowments for future use for mission-driven purposes. The Foundation also owns Gentle House, a historic home on the edge of campus that is used for events and other campus purposes.