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Dear Leadership and Co-Chairs:

Working together in a collaborative process, Oregon's seven four-year public universities -- Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, and Western Oregon University -- request funding for the following capital projects:

Nature of the Request

The universities are requesting: \$118,125,000 in Article XI-G bonds and \$157,345,000 in Article XI-Q bonds. These funds would be matched by \$119,087,000 in private and institutional non-general funds to complete the capital projects. In addition to an infusion of nearly \$120 million of non-state funds into the state's economy, these projects call for adding more than 350,000 square feet of new space and renovating more than 500,000 square feet of existing space devoted to achieving the state's 40-40-20 goal. These projects would significantly enhance the state's efforts to focus on STEM programs at universities.

The individual projects are described on the following pages.

All Campuses – Capital Renewal, Code, and Safety

Project Total: \$71,900,000

Request: \$71,900,000 in Article XI-Q bonds

In order to better serve Oregon students, it is absolutely critical that we reduce the significant backlog of deferred maintenance. This omnibus capital funding category addresses current capital repairs, code compliance, ADA, and safety related projects. The Higher Education Coordination Commission added \$5 million to the consolidated university request to the Capital Repair and Renewal Fund to support significant ADA compliance issues on all campuses.

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Portland State University – Neuberger Hall Deferred Maintenance & Renovation**Project Total: \$70,000,000****Request: \$10,000,000 in Article XI-G bonds, \$50,000,000 in Article XI-Q bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$10,000,000**

Neuberger Hall is located in the heart of PSU's campus. The renovation of Neuberger Hall has been a long-standing need for PSU. This building has 37 classrooms, 18 class labs, and approximately 24,000 square feet of student services including: financial aid services, admissions, the registrar, the cashier, and veterans' services. This core building is one of the most heavily utilized on campus. Most students visit Neuberger Hall for administration or education purposes many times during their college career. Aside from being a core classroom building, Neuberger Hall serves as the students' "front door" to the PSU campus.

The proposed renovations will result in a building that better meets the needs of PSU's students and supports the university's efforts to achieve Oregon's 40-40-20 goal. Of particular importance for students, this project improves interior space within the building, creating room in the center of campus for cultural centers for underrepresented students and the creation of a new transfer student center.

PSU's Speech-Language Clinic provides speech and hearing services to the community and is currently inaccessible to people with mobility challenges. This renovation would address critical campus needs, such as accessibility, safety, and deferred maintenance. Failure to fund the renovation this biennium could result in the closure of Neuberger and cause a crisis at the University.

Oregon State University – Forest Science Complex**Project Total: \$60,000,000****Request: \$30,000,000 in Article XI-G bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$30,000,000**

This \$60M project will construct two new buildings on the OSU Corvallis campus. Both buildings will demonstrate new sustainable building technology using wood products from Oregon. The first building is a 90,000 square foot undergraduate instruction facility to house the College of Forestry. The second is a 30,000 square foot applied research and development center to be called the Center for Wood Building Design and Manufacturing.

The new undergraduate facility will significantly improve the capacity and quality of education for OSU students. It will showcase to the world how advanced wood building materials can be used to produce beautiful and sustainable buildings. The project will enhance recruitment and retention of key faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students for OSU Forestry programs. Improved research facilities will increase the OSU's ability to compete for industry and federal grants. This project will also significantly reduce OSU's deferred maintenance backlog.

The new Center for Wood Building Design and Manufacturing will house a unique partnership consisting of OSU's colleges of Forestry and Engineering and the University of Oregon's School of Architecture and Allied Arts. The state of the art R&D center will help incubate new Oregon businesses to design and manufacture sustainable tall buildings for export to the world. The center

of excellence will provide applied research and testing services to Oregon architects, engineers and manufacturers. It will also house a new undergraduate program to supply uniquely skilled graduates for the new high-tech industry.

University of Oregon – Klamath Hall Renovation**Project Total: \$18,500,000****Request: \$6,250,000 in Article XI-G bonds, \$6,000,000 in Article XI-Q bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$6,250,000**

The University of Oregon has seen enrollment in science programs soaring in recent years. This modernization project would help address UO's deferred maintenance backlog and improve the research facilities for UO's award-winning and innovation-producing chemistry and biochemistry departments. Educating and retaining high-skill worker with science backgrounds is critical to meeting the State's high-tech workforce needs.

In recent years UO's enrollment in undergraduate chemistry alone has increased by more than 30 percent. This project will create state-of-the-art laboratories and provides space for this growing demand for sciences, and help Oregon meet its 40-40-20 goal.

Oregon State University – Marine Studies Campus Phase 1**Project Total: \$50,000,000****Request: \$25,000,000 in Article XI-G bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$25,000,000**

Expanding marine studies education, outreach, and research along the Oregon Coast as part of OSU's Marine Studies Initiative, the 105,000 square foot building represents OSU's strategic effort to achieve OSU's full potential as a leader in marine studies by bringing together key resources for research, education, and engagement. Envisioned as a new pathway for trans-disciplinary ocean science research, education and outreach, the Marine Studies Campus Phase I at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon will support teaching, research and engagement activities in marine studies, as well as serving as a key 'hub' for OSU's marine studies activities. OSU students will participate in highly productive marine science research through a deep immersion experience in marine science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and the arts and humanities – an innovative approach which will link natural sciences with theoretical and empirical capabilities in the social sciences and enhance OSU competitive national standing.

Students will have outstanding access to state-of-the-art laboratories and nearby natural habitats - the Marine Studies Campus will serve as an innovative facility for attracting and retaining the highest performing OSU students and faculty. This will enable and accelerate marine science collaboration and experiential learning opportunities for OSU students and faculty. While also increasing instructional capacity to support OSU's commitment to Oregon's 40-40-20 commitment.

University of Oregon – College and Careers Building**Project Total: \$34,000,000****Request: \$17,000,000 in Article XI-G bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$17,000,000**

The College and Careers Building project will enhance student recruitment, retention, graduation, and future success by merging core academic activities with advising on career opportunities. The project supports Oregon's 40-40-20 goal and key UO metrics for student access and success. It also addresses as critical space and infrastructure needs at the UO.

The project would provide more classroom seats to support student access and course availability, and also co-locate the UO Career Center with the main core of UO's largest undergraduate college, the College of Arts and Sciences. This co-location will provide students with direct access to career advising, preparation workshops, and Oregon employers.

Oregon Institute of Technology – Center for Excellence in Engineering Technology Phase I**Project Total (Phase One): \$12,632,000****Request: \$10,170,000 in Article XI-Q bonds, \$750,000 in Article XI-G bonds****Matching Funds: \$1,712,000**

The Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology includes construction of 40,000 gross square feet of new engineering and technology space (Phase One), and modernization of the current Cornett Hall Engineering and Technology space (Phases Two and Three) on Oregon Tech's Klamath Falls campus. One of the ways that Oregon Tech will achieve its projected enrollment growth and student support under 40-40-20 and grow the economy of Oregon is through expanding its high-quality Engineering and Technology programs. This will require additional lab and classroom space for Oregon Tech's unique lab intensive, hands-on learning environments.

The new center, coupled with the future renovation and expansion of Cornett Hall, built in 1964, eliminates multiple life-safety, seismic, and ADA compliance issues, expands the building's functionality, increases its efficiency, and provides academic classroom and lab modernizations needed to maintain and expand Oregon Tech's nationally-ranked Engineering programs.

University of Oregon – Chapman Hall Renovation**Project Total: \$10,500,000****Request: \$2,500,000 in Article XI-G bonds, \$5,500,000 in Article XI-Q bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$2,500,000**

This project will renovate 23,079 square feet, addressing critical deferred maintenance and seismic upgrade needs of Chapman Hall. Chapman Hall, a historic building on the UO campus, is the home of the Robert D. Clark Honors College.

Founded in 1960, the UO's Robert D. Clark Honors College is the oldest honors college in the U.S. and serves about 700 students, 80 percent of whom are Oregonians. In response to the recent rise in enrollment and the desire of the Honors College to accept more of the State's best and brightest

students, the University has emptied whole floors of the building to accommodate the College's space needs. This project will strengthen the Honors College's identity and will consolidate College functions in one location.

This project will contribute to the University's capacity to attract and retain high achieving students from Oregon, thereby making a major contribution to Oregon's 40-40-20 Plan.

Western Oregon University – Natural Sciences Building Renovation

Project Total: \$6,000,000

Request: \$6,000,000 in Article XI-Q bonds

Since the "wet lab" sciences: chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, relocated to the newly completed DeVolder Family Science Center, the Natural Science building will now be exclusively dedicated to the physical and natural sciences. To make this transition successful it is necessary to renovate and remodel the vacated labs and much of the building itself to bring it into compliance with ADA and current building codes. This project will make it possible to reorganize and expand Western's science program to accommodate new and relevant trends in science, and the anticipated increase in student enrollment.

Over the past decade the natural science disciplines have been WOU's fastest growing majors. Students in these programs become the science teachers in our high schools, the science technicians employed in industry and government and the graduate students who will make scientific contributions that help Oregon and the country for decades.

The functional and operations upgrades are necessary to reduce campus ADA deficiencies costs by approximately \$800,000, reduce campus deferred maintenance costs by approximately \$1,500,000, assure the safety of users, reduce operation and maintenance costs, and increase energy efficiency of the building.

Southern Oregon University – Britt Hall Renovation

Project Total: \$4,790,000

Request: \$4,790,000 in Article XI-Q bonds

Britt Hall is the second oldest facility on the SOU campus and has been repurposed many times over its history. This project would "stiffen" the building to meet current seismic standards and modify the existing HVAC system to meet current loads. Sprinklers and a new fire alarm system along with renovated bathrooms to meet current ADA needs would also be completed.

Britt Hall serves as the "front door" to visitors and prospective students. This project will remodel approximately 67,000 sq ft of multi-use administration, classroom and student services building. It currently has one classroom, 5 teaching labs, and 1 computer lab. The building houses OHSU teaching in the basement along with practicum labs. Student enrollment services, admissions, and the communications departments are located on the first floor and shared services department on the second floor.

This project would qualify for SELP loan funding due to inefficient HVAC system.

Eastern Oregon University – Hunt Hall Demolition & Site Restoration**Project Total: \$2,985,000****Request: \$2,985,000 in Article XI-Q bonds**

The project will remove a 72,300 sq ft facility that is deteriorating, undesirable and has the highest cost per square foot on campus for utilities, repair and maintenance. Demolition scope includes extensive abatement of hazardous materials, the complete removal of the building, decommissioning of utilities serving the facility, and site restoration. Work will be observed by a consulting archeologist and may include appropriate restoration of historic native burials.

Site restoration includes improvements to a main entry road and campus access used by students and visitors to connect with the central parts of campus—most notably those coming to the main administration building that houses admissions and student services. The project opens the campus view lines to surrounding scenery, enhances pedestrian and traffic circulation and expands critical access for emergency services vehicles.

University of Oregon – Learning & Innovation Hub – School of Architecture & Allied Arts**Project Total: \$53,250,000****Request: \$26,625,000 in Article XI-G bonds****Private Matching Funds: \$26,625,000**

The UO Learning and Innovation Hub would add more than 50 percent of the university's needed classroom space at the intersection of the campus core and the community, and provide laboratory and fabrication space for digital arts, metalsmithing, sculpture, ceramics, and photography. Moving existing units into this building will release underutilized spaces on and off campus and will alleviate the need to lease off-campus space.

This new 100,600-gross-square-foot academic-entrepreneurial hub and state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility will serve as a home for the School of Architecture and Allied Arts. It will house the A&AA Product Design Programs. This fastest-growing program at the university has never had dedicated classrooms, studios, or workshops on campus. The new facility will provide state-of-the-art spaces for designing and making by material studies and product design students in the campus core adjacent to art department and research spaces with similar goals. The project supports central elements of the Oregon's 40-40-20 goal and key UO metrics for student access and success.

Thank you for your support of these important investments in university facilities that support student learning and graduate success.

Sincerely,

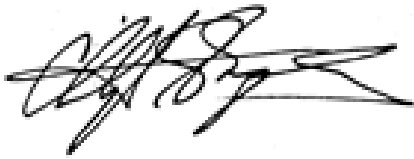
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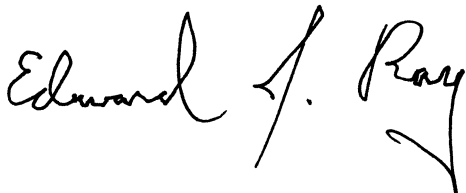
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