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Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

I am writing in support of the efforts by our Lane County Commissioners and many others in Lane County to address the ever increasing need to replace the Lane County Courthouse.

The current courthouse has:

- structural and seismic deficiencies
- an inability to adapt to modern technology specifically in the courtrooms
- lacks accessibility and does not meet ADA standards
- overall space requirements needs today versus when the Courthouse was originally built and/or added onto.

I am in support of the Lane County Courthouse project and request the committee consider bond authorization for the project. The project has been identified as a budget priority for the Association of Oregon Counties and the Chief Justice and has support from local leaders. The Legislature has helped replace county courthouses in the past with available state bonding capacity. This project has been proactively planned and is feasible. It requires a state investment in matching bond funds for planning and design.

The new courthouse will:

- be energy and operationally efficient
- increase accessibility and meet ADA standards
- advance technological capabilities
- have the ability for expansion
- support the co-location of state offices

Thank you for your consideration of the request from Lane County.

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