



To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Date: February 12, 2016

RE: Support community college request for \$15 million capital funding for campus safety infrastructure

The Oregon Education Association, representing 43,000 professional educators statewide supports the request for \$15 million in capital funding to finance projects aimed at campus safety infrastructure needs.

Please make this much-needed funding a top capital construction priority for this 2016 session.

Faculty and staff at Oregon community colleges are on the front lines of education, in what is increasingly becoming a more challenging and dangerous profession. We owe it to these professionals and the students they serve to ensure their campuses are safe.

By making meaningful investments in modern door lock and other security systems, improved public address systems, and other upgrades, the legislature can take significant steps this session to make our community college campuses safe and secure environments for teaching and learning.

Please do not wait. Please prioritize the capital construction funding for campus safety improvements now.

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