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RE: Oregon Public University Emergency Capital Request

The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
900 Court Street NE
H-178 Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley and Members of the Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee,

As the presidents of Oregon's seven public universities, we write in support of the full list of Oregon Public University Emergency Capital Projects that are described in the attached summary.

The universities worked with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) through the fall of 2015 to identify projects that meet the criteria established by the Governor's Office and the HECC of emergency in nature or which require technical adjustments to previously approved projects. A summary of the university emergency capital projects is attached. We respectfully ask that you take the following legislative actions:

- Amend Chapter Law 685 Section(1)(9)(a)(B) to allow the PSU Broadway Housing Purchase project to be reduced to \$48.5M in XI-F authorization.
- Include the following projects in the 2016 Session bond bill:
 - **PSU** – 2828 Corbett Building Purchase project be approved for \$5.1M in XI-F authorization.
 - **OIT** – North Utility Corridor and Storm Drainage Project be approved at \$5.0M in XI-Q authorization of state paid debt. This XI-Q authorization would be state funded debt service.
 - **SOU** - SOU/Jefferson Public Radio Addition project be approved at \$1.5M in XI-F authorization.
 - **SOU** – SOU McNeal Building project be approved for an additional \$2M in XI-Q bond authorization of state paid debt. This additional authorization would be state funded debt service.

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As university presidents, we are grateful for all the capital construction support that was authorized during the 2015 session. We especially appreciate the legislature's focus on our capital repair and renewal needs, and all campuses have plans to spend those funds wisely on repair of our public buildings, including ADA access issues. Unfortunately, those funds do not cover the size, severity and magnitude of the projects on this emergency capital list.

As we move out of the worst fiscal crisis in recent memory, and begin to rebuild our student success and completion programs and refurbish our aging facilities, we are grateful for your continued support and encouragement of our efforts to meet the educational and career goals of every Oregon student.

Sincerely,
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