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DATE: February 11, 2016
TO: Ways and Means sub-committee on Capital Construction
RE: HB 5202, relating to state financial administration

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Read, and members of the Committee:

Lane County is seeking to establish bonding authority in the amount of \$1.4M in order to begin our courthouse replacement project. This project had been under consideration by the 2015 Legislative Assembly for such authority, and previously came to the Capital Construction subcommittee as one of four courthouse replacement projects recommended for Article XI-Q bonding authority during the 2015-17 biennium by Chief Justice Balmer.

Unfortunately for Lane County, the 2015 bond limit bill, HB 5005, included three of the four projects. These were Multnomah, Jefferson, and Tillamook Counties with a combined bond authorization of just over \$20 million. Lane County’s \$1.4M request for funding assistance is intended to pay for pre-construction planning, design, engineering and construction cost estimating services. Lane County will match the state’s contribution with \$1.4M from our capital projects fund. In consulting with members of the Assembly during the interim, it is our understanding that there was concern expressed by the proposed sequencing of the Lane County project, especially with noted concern for the Multnomah County project.

I want to emphasize that the Lane County project will not compete with the funding requests anticipated to come from Multnomah County. Their project is slated to begin construction in 2017 and be completed by 2020. I have inserted the timeline we are working under, which we believe supports the State in taking an orderly approach to the currently funded courthouse replacement projects:

Biennium	Goals
2015-17	Complete Court Needs Assessment Produce Programming Plan with Space Standards Contract with Lead Architectural Design Firm (through RFP process) Contract with CM/GC Firm (through RFP process) Complete Conceptual Design, Begin Public Outreach
2017-19	Complete 95% design docs Produce Detailed Construction Budget (with Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)) Develop Financing Plan
2019-21	Secure Financing for Construction (OCCCIF funds, debt financing, other sources) Issue bid documents, execute construction contracts Commence Construction
2021-23	Complete Construction Commission Facility Relocate Court Operations to New Facility

Our project is ready to begin. We ask that you not delay consideration of it until the next biennium, as we have opportunity right now to engage with the City of Eugene on how our project can best fit with their current plans to re-build their City Hall. Our ability to inform these discussions is limited without the full amount of funding assistance we are requesting in hand.