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## Public Universities Support HB 4072

Please support HB 4072 – which renews the University Venture Development Fund (UVDF) tax credit. This tax credit has helped to convert the research conducted at Oregon’s public universities into new businesses while providing student experiential education. Over the last eight years universities have raised nearly \$8 million from private sources to transfer new technologies developed at university labs into commercially viable products and startup companies. It is an important tool for moving innovations out of the lab and into the economy.

### Proof that the UVDF works:

The tax credits generate new state income tax revenues due to increased employment. New companies supported by the tax credit have created approximately 270 high wage jobs that generate \$1.45 million in annual tax revenues to Oregon. Total revenues generated over the last five years are estimated at \$4.35 million. This figure will continue to grow and is currently equivalent to the value of the revenues foregone by the state due to the tax credit.

The UVDF tax credit is capped at \$8.4 million. Universities have currently used about half this capacity. It is unique among all state tax credits because, in addition to generating new income taxes, universities repay the state treasury with revenues generated by successful companies. This feature has resulted in nearly \$600,000 being returned to the state.

We urge you to support this important legislation.

