



April 19, 2017

Honorable Rep. Jennifer Williamson
Chair House Rules Committee
900 Court St. NE, H-295
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2696-1

Dear Rep. Williamson,

Southwestern Oregon Community College is providing for the record this statement of support for HB 2696-1, including the proposed -1 amendments.

Southwestern respectfully requests the House Rules Committee to approve and move forward HB 2696-1 to allow inclusion of community college district measures related to bonding in the statewide Oregon Voters Pamphlet.

Southwestern worked extensively with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office and is satisfied that the amendments to the original bill (HB 2696) will eliminate a significant barrier facing rural colleges, in our efforts to raise funds for needed projects that will benefit students and rural workforces. Southwestern considers this problem-solving legislation crucial to our ability to communicate factual information related to bond measure efforts to district voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Patty M. Scott, Ed.D.
President