



May 5, 2017

Senator Fred Girod
Representative Paul Holvey
Co-Chairs, Capital Construction Subcommittee of
Joint Ways and Means
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support for the Oregon Council of Presidents List of Capital Projects

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council represents approximately 25,000 construction workers in 21 member unions that are highly skilled in a wide array of crafts. These men and women are an intricate part of Oregon's workforce, our region's economy, and future economic prosperity. The Oregon Building Trades Council was formed in 1940 to bring the needs of unions from all building-related trades together in an effort to protect the welfare of workers and learn from one another. Together, we've been able to have a voice with the State Legislature, fighting for local jobs, fair wages, funding for major infrastructure projects and more.

Today, we are seeking your support for the Oregon Public University capital construction projects, supported collectively by all seven university presidents. We respectfully request that the Legislature approve the prioritized capital list, considered by the HECC in August 2016, with designated requests totaling \$284.39 million. Approving all of these projects will leverage over \$100 million in matching gifts and university resources.

This list of capital projects will create approximately 2,609 jobs in Oregon that will support our members and stimulate Oregon's economy. Thank you in advance for your support of Oregon's Public University capital construction projects and the skilled men and women of the Oregon Building Trades Council who will benefit from the creation of these jobs.

Sincerely,

Tim Frew
Executive Secretary
Oregon State Building Trades Council