

To: Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

From: Denise Frisbee

Re: PCC Health Tech Building Request

Date: May 12th, 2017





Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

I wanted to both thank you for your past support on PCC's capital construction requests, and include a request for support for the PCC project in the 2017 SB 5505, which, as you know, is renovation of the Sylvania Campus Health and Technology Building. Faced as we are with the fast evolving field of health care and the intense regional demand for employees skilled and trained in health care fields, PCC must respond with expanded program and instruction offerings. The \$8 million request for state contribution towards this renovation will help us modernize and expand our lab and classroom spaces for nursing, biology, radiology and associated healthcare fields. It will also revitalize the oldest PCC building on the Sylvania campus that is in need of attention to issues of air quality and poor learning conditions. Now that we have our collaborative PSU, OHSU and PCC jump start on the dental professions training in Portland, we can really address the classroom needs that will help us respond to our nursing program waiting lists and intense demand for health care training.

Thank you again for your leadership and support on all these issues. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

With appreciation,

Director Denise Frisbee Portland Community College Board Member