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To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

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Re SB 5505 In support of: Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln County Oregon, Workforce Education and Resiliency Center, \$8 million Article XI-G State Bonding (to be matched dollar for dollar by local resources).

Dear Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

I am Dick Anderson, currently a City Councilor for the City of Lincoln City, former Mayor of the City of Lincoln City, elected member of the North Lincoln Health District, and former candidate for State Senate District #5 and I am in full support of Oregon Coast Community College's planned new Workforce Education and Resiliency Center at their Newport campus.

OCCC's new Workforce Education building will benefit our community in many ways.
Support families, employers, and economy with education for living wage jobs.
Increased student readiness to enter the workforce.
Potential for Regional Training facility.
Improve student achievement and college and career readiness.
Increased postsecondary enrollments.

I am also strongly in support of the secondary role of the building, to serve as a resiliency and recovery center for Lincoln County south of the Yaquina bridge in the event of a catastrophic event. The building itself, along with the trained professionals and students that may be at the college at the time of an event, could be essential in immediate and longer term recovery. This is the type of visionary and collaborative thinking envisioned in the Oregon Resilience Plan (2013), which states *planning for reconstruction and recovery must be done now to provide a strategic vision for restoring the economy and livability of the Oregon coast.*

I would appreciate your supportive vote toward this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Dick Anderson

Lincoln City, Oregon