



# Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

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To: Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

From: Sheriff Curtis Landers

Submitted to: [jwmcc.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:jwmcc.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)

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 in full support of Oregon Coast Community College's planned new Workforce Education and Resiliency Center at their Newport campus.

Our Sheriff's Office works in partnership with Oregon Coast Community College on many different levels. For years, we have participated and supported the Criminal Justice Program at OCCC by offering guest speakers, mentorship for students, and have an active internship agreement with CJ students who offer countless hours of volunteer work to our agency while gaining real life experience in each of our divisions. Additionally, we have Sheriff's Office members who participate as advisory board members for the Criminal Justice Program.

Another way our Sheriff's Office partners with the OCCC is through their nursing program. We offer work experience for the nursing students as they train side by side with our nursing team, again, through internship opportunities.

Possibly the most beneficial partnership we have with OCCC relates to our inmate GED Program. OCCC offers instructors for our Jail GED Program which allows our inmates an opportunity to receive education and better themselves while incarcerated in our facility. Our main goal in our correctional facility is to offer opportunity for inmates to better themselves while in our custody so they can make positive changes when they are released. This program offers them a chance to be successful and reduces the level of recidivism in our community.

OCCC's new Workforce Education building will help to address critical workforce gaps in Lincoln County and the surrounding region. Envisioned career focused education programs for new facility align well with Lincoln County workforce gaps in living wage jobs essential to the economic and civic vitality of our region. These programs include Emergency Preparation & Management; Maritime Technicians; Applied Technology (Trades); and P-12 Teacher Education.

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We are 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.*

We appreciate your efforts toward this endeavor

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Landers", written in a cursive style.

Curtis Landers, Sheriff