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TO: Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

FR: Morgan Allen, Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)

RE: HB 5005 – Support for OSCIM and SRGP

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey and members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of COSA's 2500 statewide members, I submitted the list of K-12 projects that will be funded during the 2017-19 biennium (pending the May 2019 election) as a result of your investments in the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program (OSCIM), which is housed at the Oregon Department of Education, and the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program (SRGP), which is housed at Business Oregon.

There are 45 K-12 seismic rehabilitation projects in process as a result of your \$100 million dollar investment in SRGP during the 2017-19 biennium. And as many as 22 school districts will receive a bond matching grant through the OSCIM program as a result of the \$100 million dollar investment you made during the 2017-19 biennium (pending May 2019 election results.)

These investments are making much needed improvements in K-12 facilities across Oregon and have made an immeasurably positive impact across the state for students and local communities. But there is still a significant need for further investments.

We urge your support for HB 5005 to continue to invest \$100 million in the SRGP and OSCIM bonding programs during the 2019-21 biennium. We want to be able to report back in two years another list of schools made seismically safe for students and communities that were able to pass a bond as a result of state matching funds. The investments in HB 5005 are critical to that effort.