



May 3, 2019

Sen. Fred Girod
Rep. Paul Holvey
Joint Subcommittee on Capitol Construction
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 5005

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey:

I write on behalf of a broad coalition of alumni, students, donors and business leaders to urge your support of Oregon State University's capital requests. The investments we are seeking will expand access to education, increase students' ability to graduate on time while incurring less cost, and enable them to find employment once they earn their degree. Additionally, the funds we are seeking will expand programs utilized by a significant number of Oregon's K-12 students, as well as veterans working to complete their education.

We are seeking \$12M in state support for a Student Success Center at OSU-Cascades in Bend. This investment has been matched by \$5M that current students have voluntarily chosen to raise themselves by levying a student fee on top of the tuition they are already paying. Their enthusiasm and involvement demonstrate the vital need for this facility. The Student Success Center will be a place on campus where students can access vital resources like counseling, career services and student life programs. It will also provide a permanent home for OSU-Cascades veterans services program, which is a particular need on the Bend campus due to the large number of veterans enrolled there (8.6% of OSU-Cascades students are veterans).

For the Corvallis campus, we are seeking \$35M in state support to match \$35M in private donor funding for an enhanced Arts and Education Complex. This project enjoys the largest amount of philanthropic support of any HECC reviewed project. This facility will service every student on campus and will allow OSU to recruit top students in all academic disciplines, including elite students in STEM fields. It will also allow OSU to expand its offering of cultural experiences to K-12 students, many thousands of whom already visit campus annually, many experiencing their first musical or theatrical experience. OSU is already the state's leading producer of music educators,

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and this enhancement to our arts program will allow us to continue to send graduates to every corner of the state to bring music and cultural education to all Oregonians.

I ask that you join the students, alumni and donors who are investing in these public institutions and provide adequate state support to make them a reality. OSU's statewide impact is unrivaled, and we are making these requests so that we may continue to invest in the people of Oregon.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Perry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and the last name "Perry" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Perry
President

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