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Honorable Fred Girod and Honorable Paul Holvey, Co-ChairMembers, Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital Construction and Members

I had the pleasure of serving as the chief financial officer of Portland State University from 1959 to 1974, during which time the Portland office of architects Skidmore, Owings and Merrill designed PSU's Science Building !. The Chicago office of that firm, with some Portland staff participating, had just completed the design and construction of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Guess what! Last year, the Academy began a four year renovation project of the renowned Chapel. Is it any wonder that a science building constructed a few years later is in dire need of major renovation and upgrade. No one could forecast the entirely different needs that a modern science laboratory facility would require 60 years later. PSU must have funds for the requested repairs and renovations if it to serve adequately the needs of its increasing numbers of STEM students, who in return are needed by Portland area and Oregon industries in today's and tomorrow's labor force. Please make that investment by including funding for the Vernier Science Center in HB 5201.

Respectfully and urgently,

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