

From the Desk of
Susan Morgan

Good afternoon Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, and Members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee:

For the record, I'm Susan Morgan, a recovering Douglas County Commissioner and State Representative, and a veteran of the Ways & Means process.

I serve as co-convener of the Oregon Solutions Project related to the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center.

For many years, the legislature has talked about the tremendous need in southern Oregon, and our state, to increase both the numbers and qualifications of our medical workforce. The idea and concept for the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center developed from those discussions.

At your direction, much additional work has been done, over the past two years, to develop and grow the plan for the Medical Workforce Center, and to strengthen and clarify the vision. This work includes:

- building and strengthening partnerships across our region;
- developing relationships with our teaching partners;
- And further focusing the plan.

After two years of Covid upheaval, the need for the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center is very clear. After two years of strengthening the vision and the plan, we are ready to proceed.

We respectfully request that you continue your support and include bonding capacity for this project in SB 5701.

Thank you for your continued interest and for your support.