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TO: The Honorable Fred Girod and Honorable Paul Holvey, Chairs  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital  
Construction

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SUBJECT: HB 5005 & 5006: Relating to state financial administration

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvery, and members of the committee, I am Dolly Matteucci, the Superintendent of the Oregon State Hospital.

I am writing to provide background information and respectfully request bonding authorization to support two important projects for the Oregon State Hospital. The projects will further align with the mission and values of the hospital by enhancing safety and security within the campus perimeter and constructing a new unit on the Junction City campus to provide therapeutic and patient-centered treatment for patients needing a hospital level of care away from the larger patient population.

**\$3M bond financed PLC system (POP 439)**

The \$3M bond finance a new Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), a single unified software platform, that integrates access control, security cameras, video recording, emergency door release, entry door, and sally ports with hospital

duress systems. Linking security features will make it easier to provide a safe environment for both patients and staff efficiently.

The current PLC system has exceeded its intended lifespan. There are frequent service interruptions that cause security personnel to manually operate sally ports which reduces their availability in emergent situations. An outside company has proprietary ownership of the system which requires consultants to troubleshoot and restore when there are breakdowns.

The new proposed system is an “off the shelf” model. It will be more reliable and easier to maintain or restore if there is problem. This will substantially reduce any related system downtime, decrease the need for human intervention and allow security personnel to spend more time supporting people and services.

### **\$5M bond financed construction for Meadow 1**

The \$5M bond will finalize the December 2022 E-Board request to construct permanent, hospital level of care (HLOC) patient housing on the first floor of the Junction City campus. It will provide space for patients with unusual or extraordinary care management needs that must be removed from the larger patient population to receive intensive psychiatric services.

The funding will pay for the completion of the design details, architectural and engineering already in process and construction. The new HLOC housing will include a patient bedroom, toilet/shower room and activity/dining space. Patient areas will be modified for enhanced durability and safety. There will also be a seclusion room, a quiet visitor/consult space and nurse’s station.

The new unit will allow for a broader range of services to come to the patient as opposed to the patient going to resources off the unit. This is beneficial for patients who struggle to maintain safe behavior. The nursing staff will be able to exit the milieu and safely monitor patient from nurses’ station during periods of dysregulation. The ability to exit and continue to monitor significantly reduces risk to the patient’s and staff’s safety as well as need for seclusion or restraint events.

The existing temporary single occupancy unit, operated under a temporary waiver that is soon expiring, has successfully allowed the current patient to progress significantly in their clinical treatment. The physical environment, staffing composition and individualized attention have supported the patient's success and staff safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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