

**TO: Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education  
Senator Lew Frederick, Co-Chair  
Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair**

**DT: April 26, 2023**

**RE: HB 5025 - Support of OSU Statewides- Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station and Forest Research Lab**

Co-Chairs & Members of the Committee:

As a member of Oregon's food and beverage sector, I am writing to express my strong support for the OSU Statewides' budget in HB 5025.

OSU Statewides contribute greatly to Oregon's food and beverage sector through applied research and distribution of knowledge through OSU's statewide Extension network. It is important that the OSU Statewides receive continued service level funding and receive focus on sustainable food systems.

- As a graduate who earned an MS and PhD from the Department of Food Science & Technology (FST), I can testify that FST alumni receive relevant degrees and are competitive for high quality jobs within the industry worldwide. OSU and FST graduates will drive change within Oregon's food and beverage industry and accelerate the implementation of sustainable food systems. Oregon's food and beverage industry will become more diverse. Promotion of knowledge transfer, increase education of food industry work force and allow industry to promote from within.

Sincerely,

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