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Joint Ways and Means Committee on Public Safety

RE: Update on Legislatively Approved Capital Construction Projects

Dear Chair Sollman, Chair Evans, and Committee Members:

During our committee presentation, Oregon State Police received the following questions regarding an update on Legislatively Approved Capital Construction Projects. Please see our below responses.

- **Will the Central Point construction project increase forensic testing capacity?**  
The new facility will improve security, resiliency, and operational efficiency, which is expected to result in increased productivity. The new facility will also provide the space needed to house the additional equipment and personnel required to significantly increase capacity.
- **Will the lab improvement increase DNA testing capability?**  
DNA testing only occurs at the Portland Crime Lab and neither the Central Point Crime Lab nor the Eugene Crime Lab will have any impact on DNA testing capability.
- **Are these construction projects being built with future growth in mind or to meet current capacity needs?**  
All the new buildings being constructed are of a much larger size than we currently operate in, approximately twice as big in some discipline areas. We are programming space needs to accommodate moderate growth that will be appropriately sized for staff currently budgeted and for the Eugene project, growth approximately 10 years into the future. We will design and build as much capacity as possible within the bond funding that has been authorized by the legislature to build our new facilities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Captain Kyle Kennedy  
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