



February 11, 2026

House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 4060 – fluorescent lamp delay

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Committee Members,

We are writing today in support of HB 4060, as it would allow large institution campuses with over a million square feet of buildings, like Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), to continue buying replacement bulbs for our existing fluorescent light fixtures. If HB 4060 passes OHSU will continue replacing our fluorescent light fixtures over time, rather than replacing them all at once. Immediate replacement is not the most efficient way for OHSU to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, which is explained in greater detail below.

OHSU has invested significantly, year over year, to meet our climate goals. In 2020, OHSU partnered with PGE to invest in a new, large solar facility near Boardman, Oregon, ensuring all our future electrical power is from sources that do not generate greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, every year we invest over \$750,000 in energy saving projects across our campuses to reduce energy use. When deciding what climate investments to make, we focus on where each dollar invested offers the greatest return from an energy saving perspective. The projects that produce the most energy savings for OHSU typically involve making improvements to our heating and cooling equipment (converting pneumatic controls to DDC). While it is challenging to make these investments given our significant capital budget shortfall, and our backlog of deferred maintenance that is over \$600 million, the threat climate change poses is significant, and we remain committed to addressing it across all our campuses.

The cost of replacing all our existing fluorescent fixtures is estimated to be over \$60 million for the Marquam Hill campus alone. Given the more pressing emissions reducing projects and demands on our capital budget, we have not been able to make such a sizeable investment on a one-time basis. We have, however, made some improvements in this space. Both our School of Nursing Building and Library have received building lighting

retrofits to eliminate fluorescent fixtures, and we are scrambling to figure out individual light replacements as old lighting fails. We continue to upgrade lighting from fluorescent to LED as we remodel individual rooms, floors, and wings of our health care, academic and research spaces. And we ensure all the construction projects follow our design guidelines that specify using energy efficient lighting. Should HB 4060 pass, OHSU will continue to chip away at our backlog of fluorescent fixtures, with a priority on replacing fixtures that wear out, eliminating the need to throw away functioning equipment.

Thank you very much for considering our needs as this bill is considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', with a small red mark below it.

Chad Sorber
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