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Legislature Advances \$1.3 Billion Bonding Package *Statewide Investments in School Buildings, Affordable Housing, Veterans' Homes, Economic Development Projects, Elliott State Forest*

SALEM – Today the Oregon Legislature's budget committee advanced a bonding package that will fund key construction projects across the state, including major investments in school buildings, affordable housing, veterans' homes, economic development projects, and \$100 million to keep the Elliott State Forest in public hands. Highlights include:

K-12 School Buildings

- \$100 million for major seismic upgrades to K-12 schools;
- \$100 million for a matching program to help school districts across the state to fix outdated, dilapidated, or hazardous facilities.

Community College Campuses

- \$100 million in matching bonds for renovations and other improvement projects at 14 community college across the state.

State University Campuses

- \$260 million for renovations and other key projects at each of the state universities, including \$50 million for an innovative new Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact at the University of Oregon, and funds to continue the expansion at the Oregon State University Cascades campus.

Affordable Housing

- \$80 million for affordable housing construction through Oregon's Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program;
- \$25 million for affordable housing preservation.

Veterans' Homes

- \$10.5 million in matching funds to support development of a new veterans' home in Roseburg;
- About \$2.5 million for projects at veterans' homes in Lebanon and The Dalles.

Economic Development Projects

- \$30 million for multimodal transportation projects through the Connect Oregon program;
- \$30 million for special public works projects, including levees and other critical local infrastructure;
- \$15 million for water supply development grants;
- \$10 million to clean up industrial "orphan sites" – areas contaminated by hazardous substances that pose a threat to human health or the environment, but the responsible party is either unknown, or unable or unwilling to pay for remediation;
- Over \$7 million to support the [Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center](#), a collaborative bringing together industry, higher education, and government to develop a skilled workforce and address manufacturing challenges;
- Funding to support the next steps of the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup;
- \$5 million for [Oregon's Main Street Revitalization Grant Program](#), which was created in the 2015 session to help small and rural communities transform their downtown business districts.
- \$2 million for an Innovation and Workforce Training Center in Gresham's Rockwood neighborhood – a growing, diverse area with high rates of poverty and unemployment.

Elliot State Forest

- \$100 million to keep the Elliot State Forest in public hands.

The package, contained in Senate Bills [5505](#) and [5530](#) passed out of the Capital Construction sub-committee this morning and will move to the full budget-writing committee later today as the Legislature works toward adjourning before the constitutional deadline of July 10.

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