

Senator Knopp vote explanation:

I voted no on SB 5721, the bonding bill, because the process was flawed, and Central Oregon's needs were dismissed by the Majority in favor of their Portland, Eugene and Corvallis districts. The process lacked access and transparency.

Testimony was essentially blocked, and no dialogue was had with Central Oregon higher education advocates. OSU Cascades Student Success Center was left off the list by Democrats despite being one of the only projects with student match.

I support affordable housing bonds in the bill but when you combine that with 179 million in higher education bonds, all but 19 million going to valley districts, this bill earned my no vote.