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REP. SMITH SUPPORTS BILL TO SAVE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Salem- Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) announced today the passage of HB 5134, which allocates funds to the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). The budget restores funding to the Eastern Oregon University School of Nursing and to rural health care clinics in Eastern Oregon.

“It’s my job to make sure Legislators understand the devastating impact losing the nursing school would have on our community,” said Rep. Smith. “The School of Nursing is an economic issue for us in Eastern Oregon. I am proud that we were able to work this budget out in a bi-partisan manner, and think our state and our community will be better off because of the increased funding for OHSU.”

The budget passed by the House today represents a 47.2% increase over the governor’s recommended budget. The Budget now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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