

## Testimony in Support of HB 5024 – OHUS Budget

Co-Chair Frederick and Co-Chair McLain Oregon AFSCME supports OHSU and the work they do to both educate and provide health services for Oregonians and those throughout the region. AFSCME is the largest union representing workers at OHSU with nearly 7000 members. Our membership at OHSU represents a wide array of education and vocations. We have environmental services workers, animal techs at the primate center and sleep techs in the sleep lab to name a few. AFSCME is still working to organize research assistants at OHSU right now but for the most part we represent everyone except for the doctors and nurses. No relationship is prefect but OHSU has been a partner that our members have been able to successfully work with to both improve the working conditions for members but also work to improve the care of patents and the education of students. Our members believe deeply in the mission of OHSU and as we talk to them they continually express their support for the University and the work it does.

When conflicts have arisen as they do in in large and complex institution we have been able to sort them out in a respectful and productive manner. OHSU has generally responded quickly and fairly and taken our concerns seriously and dealt with them. We also asked our members to help support the Knight Cancer Challenge with small individual donations and while it was not millions we were able to contribute to that effort. We hope that our partnership with OHSU will continue for years to come. AFSCME does not testify in support of every agency that we represent but OHSU has consistently been one of our best employers and we are happy to support the work they do.

Respectfully Submitted by

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