

Ways and Means Capital Subcommittee in favor of WOU remodel for health sciences building

To: Ways and Means Capital Subcommittee Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holby and Members of the Ways and Means Capital Subcommittee

- Majors in the health sciences are one of the largest groups on campus and lack a central academic location
- First and foremost, this new remodel would help us generate graduates with good paying jobs in the health fields. Health Sciences meets a growing and critical need in the state.
 - We have an aging population in Oregon.
 - Our location is in a traditionally underserved area. (high numbers of Native Americans, Latinos)
 - Western Oregon is a Hispanic serving institution.
- Secondly, WOU is the only college or university in the state that does not have a hospital or urgent care facility in their local community.
 - One of our hopes is to alleviate that by locating an urgent care facility in the remodel allowing us to work with Salem Health or another entity as a clinical provider for our students and community.
 - As such, this capital remodel project would serve not just the health sciences, but the university as a whole.