

City of Roseburg

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: Support for SB 5701 inclusion of Southwest Oregon Medical Workforce Development Center

Honorable Members:

The City of Roseburg has been collaborating on and financially supporting the efforts to develop the Southwest Oregon Medical Workforce Development Center since 2013, when Kelly Morgan first raised the issue of rural medical workforce shortages that existed then and were predicted to get worse. I think we can all agree, the issue has gotten worse.

You cannot have a healthy community without adequate healthcare. This project will address this need not only in Roseburg, but throughout rural Oregon and be a big step in closing the healthcare equity gap in our region. The City of Roseburg remains committed to seeing this happen and to providing the grant match to make it a reality. The Roseburg City Council once again reiterated their support at their January 24, 2022 meeting with a unanimous vote to enter into a MOU outlining the City's financial commitment to the project.

Thank you for your time and thank you in advance for supporting the re-authorization of the appropriation for the Southwest Oregon Medical Workforce Development Center.

Respectfully,



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City Manager