

April 18, 2023

Co-Chair Lew Frederick
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE, S-419
Salem, Oregon 97301

Co-Chair Susan McLain
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-493
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Public Education:

I appreciate the challenging decisions you face this session as you establish funding levels for the many functions of public education. I'm writing today asking for your careful consideration of current service level funding for **Oregon Solutions**, one of the key statewide public service functions based at Portland State University.

Because I am closely connected with communities on the east side of Mt. Hood, Governor Brown asked if I would serve as co-convenor with Tom Imeson on the effort to relocate the outdated Mt. Hood Rest Area on Highway 26 just east of Government Camp. I said yes, because I know how badly this problem needs to be solved, and its complexity, given the overlay of jurisdictions, public use and land ownership. Senator Thompson and more than two dozen others are now part of a diverse working group aligning around a common vision to address this problem.

Oregon Solutions provides a unique and critical service to communities like ours across the State in implementing sustainable solutions and cost-effective resolutions to contentious issues. I am thankful the legislature recognizes the significance of this work and hope you will continue by supporting current service level funding.

Sincerely,



Anna Williams
Oregon Solutions Co-Convenor (volunteer)

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Senator Michael Dembrow
Senator Suzanne Weber
Representative Tracy Cramer
Representative Emily McIntire
Representative Hoa Nguyen
Representative Ricki Ruiz