

April 25, 2023

Higher Education Coordinating Committee
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Letter of Support for OCCRI and OCS

Dear Members of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee,

We write to affirm our strong support for Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) and Oregon Climate Service (OCS). We urge the committee to approve the funding of their work.

As you know, OCCRI's primary charges from the legislature are to facilitate research on climate change and its effects on natural and human systems in Oregon, provide climate change information to partners and the public in integrated and accessible formats, and provide technical assistance to local and state governments, Tribes, and other partners as they seek to plan for and adapt to climate change.

One of OCCRI's purposes is to "facilitate research by Oregon University System faculty on climate change and its effects on natural and human systems in Oregon." Here at the UO, more than fifteen faculty members have been engaged with OCCRI's research.

The University of Oregon's Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation and the University of Oregon's Environment Initiative are committed to continuing to partner with OCCRI to facilitate research and collaboration on climate change and its effects on Oregon.

We would be delighted to answer any questions or provide additional information. Please don't hesitate to contact us at UOEI@uoregon.edu.

Sincerely,



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