

Submitter: Eric Brown

On Behalf Of: PSU Performing Arts

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB 5505

Dear Co-Chair Kate Lieber, Co-Chair Tawna Sanchez, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Eric Brown, and I am a proud alumnus of Portland State University with extensive experience in non-profit development. I am writing to express my strong support for Portland State University's proposed Portland Performing Arts & Culture Complex.

As a PSU graduate, I have witnessed the university's dedication to fostering innovation, creativity, and community engagement. The proposed Portland Performing Arts & Culture Complex is a natural extension of this mission and promises to be a transformative project for both the university and the state of Oregon.

In my professional capacity, I have been involved in numerous non-profit initiatives aimed at enhancing community resources and fostering economic growth. I understand the critical role that cultural infrastructure can play in revitalizing communities. The Portland Performing Arts & Culture Complex will serve as a vital cultural hub, offering a venue for a diverse array of performances, events, and educational opportunities. This will not only enrich the cultural fabric of Oregon but also stimulate economic growth by attracting visitors and supporting local businesses, restaurants, and hotels.

The development of the complex will generate numerous job opportunities during the construction phase and continue to drive economic activity once it is operational. This ongoing impact is crucial for the revitalization and economic vitality of downtown Portland and the broader state economy. By committing to this strategic infrastructure project, we can foster a dynamic and thriving environment that benefits all Oregonians.

**I wholeheartedly support PSU's Capital Construction Bond Request of \$85 million in Article-G Bonds.** This funding will play a pivotal role in the development of the Performing Arts & Culture Complex, driving both cultural enrichment and economic revitalization for the city of Portland and the entire state of Oregon

In addition to its economic advantages, the complex will significantly enhance social cohesion and community well-being. The arts possess a unique power to unite people, creating shared experiences and fostering mutual understanding. By hosting a variety of artistic events and expressions, the complex will contribute to a more connected and resilient community.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the \$85 million bond request to fund and develop Portland State University's proposed Portland Performing Arts & Culture Complex. This project represents a significant investment in the future of Oregon, offering cultural enrichment, economic revitalization, and enhanced community well-being.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to initiatives that benefit our state.

Sincerely,  
Eric Brown  
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