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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or SB5505
Topic:

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

I'm writing in support of \$85 million in Article-G Bonds for the Performing Arts + Culture Center (PACC) to support needed academic space and a PSU-run community theater as part of Portland State's Capital Construction Bond Request. The arts program at PSU has grown exponentially since COVID and currently has the largest enrollment of Music Education students in its history. Going forward, there is a dire need for a more effective rehearsal and performance space for the continued growth this program will like see. There is currently no space on campus that can accommodate our sold out shows and as a result the program is being inhibited. As well as assisting the music students, this building will serve as training grounds for theater students, those in the hospitality field, business students, and support many other majors at PSU. It also will bring revenue to the city and bring major shows and artists to Portland.

PSU students need your support. This is a rare opportunity to help reshape Portland's future and provide needed academic space at the university. Please support Portland State's Capital Construction Bond Request and invest in the PACC.

Sincerely,

Kendell McCrary