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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5505

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. As the top music school and arts college in the Northwest, and the highest enrollment of arts students of any college in the NW, it is especially vital that we give opportunities to students and direct access to performance spaces and professional artists that are in town through this new community arts project. Having our own performance all that is on campus, having updated facilities that are literally state of the art, and having access to professional development would be a boon to not only prospective arts donors, and new students, but would fully enrich the educational opportunities of our students and folks like me that are staff and dedicated to providing the excellence in education that PSU is known for in our local, state, and national arts scene.

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,

Colin Shepard