

## TESTIMONY

**TO: Joint Committee on Ways & Means Education SubCommittee  
Senator Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair  
Representative Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair**

**FR: Todd Miller, Director of the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute  
Oregon State University**

**DT: May 1, 2025**

**RE: HB 5025, Higher Education Coordinating Commission Budget – State Programs – Signature  
Research**

Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz and members of the Committee, my name is Todd Miller. I serve as the Director of Oregon State University's Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute, also known as ATAMI. I have managed the operation of this institute for nearly 19 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the State Programs through Signature Research for which ATAMI is a key asset along with others from University of Oregon and Portland State University.

ATAMI is an incubator with shared use equipment supporting Oregon deep tech startup companies, most of which have come out of OSU. ATAMI occupies an 80,000 SF building located on HP's Corvallis campus. Our mission is to drive research and innovation by supporting high growth technology startup companies with unrivaled OSU resources. Interest in leasing space at ATAMI has always been and continues to be high; we are fully occupied and are now looking to expand into additional space. We received recognition last year for our successes from Oregon Business & Industry who selected us for their Oregon Visionary Award.

ATAMI's current tenants are all developing advanced materials, many for the semiconductor industry. One of these companies, Inpria, was acquired for over \$500M in 2021. Another of our tenants, Valliscor, was recently awarded \$345K from Business Oregon to establish a manufacturing facility next door in Albany. These companies would not be where they are today without the resources that ATAMI has provided them with.

ATAMI is now building capabilities that will support the Corvallis Microfluidics (CorMic) EDA Tech Hub, which will also be located on the HP campus. These capabilities support cutting edge research and development, and will provide Oregon-based companies additional, essential resources to grow and thrive in Oregon.

Key to our operation and maintenance budget through all these years has been funding provided for Signature Research, through the State Programs in the Higher Education Coordinating Commission Budget. This funding remains key as we build our future, and I ask for your continued support. Thank you.