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Co-Chairs Gerod and Nosse, Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

As President of ASOIT, I want to emphasize how vital the renovation and expansion of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) is at Oregon Tech. Updating this facility will significantly improve our ability to succeed academically and better prepare us to contribute positively to Oregon's workforce and broader community.

The LRC, built more than 40 years ago, simply doesn't meet our needs. Students regularly encounter challenges due to outdated facilities and insufficient collaborative spaces, making it difficult to effectively study and engage academically. Additionally, the lack of co-located student support and wrap-around services creates barriers to easily accessing essential resources.

The new LRC would give students modern, comfortable spaces designed for teamwork and collaboration. The way students learn has changed dramatically over the past few decades. We need spaces that support collaboration, active learning, and group problem-solving, not just quiet study. The renovated LRC will create an environment that matches how we learn today—through teamwork, innovation, and hands-on experience—helping us build real-world skills, work across disciplines, and prepare for our future careers.

Having all student support services co-located at the LRC will have a real and lasting impact on students. It means when we need help, whether it's academic advising, tutoring, or disability support, we can find it quickly and easily without unnecessary stress. This kind of access will help students stay on track, feel supported throughout their college journey, and be more confident in reaching their academic and personal goals.

This renovation is about more than just repairs. It's about creating spaces that fit how students at Oregon Tech learn today, through hands-on, project-based experiences that prepare us for real-world careers. With better study areas, easier access to support, and places built for collaboration and innovation, we'll be able to focus on what really matters: building skills, growing as professionals, and getting ready to contribute to our communities after graduation.

Thank you for helping improve our educational experience.

Sincerely,

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