



May 1, 2025

Senator Kate Lieber
Representative Tawna Sanchez
Co-Chairs, Joint Ways & Means Committee

RE: OSU Statewide Public Service Programs

Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez,

Our coalition of diverse stakeholders would like to share our support for the Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs – the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory. Known as “The OSU Statewides,” these programs touch every corner of the state and serve all Oregonians by providing state-of-the-art research and community-based education to address real-world problems.

The OSU Statewides are the foundation of OSU’s land-grant mission. With agricultural research stations, research forests, and Extension offices located across Oregon’s diverse landscapes and communities, they are responding and adapting to address Oregon’s most pressing issues. With an established and trusted presence in all 36 Oregon counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation, the OSU Statewides are bringing communities together around shared goals that result in real solutions.

In the 2025-27 biennium, the OSU Statewides seek a \$23.5 million increase to sustain current operations, bolster capacity to meet critical needs in core mission areas, and make strategic investments to support community and state economic development. This includes:

- \$17.5 million to provide full base funding to sustain program and service levels. This reflects a 9.5% increase in operating expenses.
- \$6 million in strategic investments across the OSU Statewides to focus on integrated research and Extension efforts in critical areas to support economic development.

These strategic investments, in addition to necessary base funding, are informed by and centered on the critical needs of agriculture, forestry, public health, youth, and communities.

Thank you for your service to the state of Oregon. We recognize you have big decisions ahead. Please continue to recognize OSU’s land grant mission to serve all corners of the state by investing in programs like the OSU Statewides that significantly impact all Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration,

Oregon State University	Oregon Forest Industries Council	Sustainable Northwest
Agricultural Connection	Oregon Master Gardener Association	Ten Rivers Food Web
Associated Oregon Hazelnut Industries	Oregon Olive Oil	The Nature Conservancy
Associated Oregon Loggers	Oregon Seed Association	Victory Group
Association of Oregon Counties	Oregon Seed Council	Weyerhaeuser
Black Food Sovereignty Coalition	Oregon Sheep Growers Association	Whitetail Ridge
Bohemia Food Hub	Oregon Small Woodlands	Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Assoc.
Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers	Oregon Tilth	
Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization	Oregon Water Resources Congress	
Farwest Agribusiness Association	Oregon Wheat	
Good Groceries	Oregon Winegrowers Association	
Hampton Lumber	Oregon Women for Agriculture	
Manulife	Oregonians for Food & Shelter	
Moda	Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association	
Oregon Association of Nurseries	Paris Orchards	
Oregon Cattlemen’s Association	Pickadee Farms	

Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregon Farm Bureau

Rogue Farm Corps
Society of American Foresters