

WOU Men's Rugby Executive Board

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Joint Committee on Capital Construction

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
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RE: Letter of Support for Western Oregon University's \$1.4 Million Article F Bond Request

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Capital Construction,

On behalf of the Western Oregon University Men's Rugby Club, I am writing in strong support of WOU's \$1.4 million Article F Bond Request. These funds will significantly enhance the university's recreation and field infrastructure—resources that serve not only our campus community but also the broader region.

As a student-run club that has grown rapidly in recent years, we've seen firsthand how recreational spaces impact student life. Our team travels nationally to compete in high-level tournaments and proudly hosts major regional and high school events that bring dozens of teams and hundreds of visitors to campus. These events highlight WOU's commitment to providing opportunities for students to engage in meaningful, healthy, and community-building activities outside the classroom.

Importantly, our club—like many others—offers a pathway for students from all backgrounds, including current and transfer students from community colleges, to find connection and purpose through participation in club sports. These experiences contribute to student retention, wellness, and leadership development—key pillars of a vibrant campus environment.

Improved field infrastructure would dramatically expand our ability to host inclusive, high-impact events safely, further positioning WOU as a regional hub for recreational and community engagement. The benefits of this investment ripple beyond campus, supporting the local economy and strengthening ties between WOU and the surrounding communities of Monmouth, Independence, and beyond.

We believe this bond represents an investment in the student experience and the future of Western Oregon University. We respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

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