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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
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Written Testimony in Support of Capital Funding Request

Submitted by: Margie Molitor, Interim CEO
Project: Blue Mountain Hospital Facility Improvements
Location: John Day, Oregon (Grant County)
To: Co-Chair Girod and Nosse and Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Date: May 9, 2025

Subject: Support for the 2025–2027 Capital Funding Request – Blue Mountain Hospital Facility Improvements Project (\$3 Million)

Co-Chair Girod and Nosse, and Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

For the record, my name is Margie Molitor, and I serve as the Interim CEO at Blue Mountain Hospital, located in Grant County in John Day, Oregon. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of our capital-funding request.

I am respectfully requesting your support for our 2025–2027 Capital Funding Request in the amount of \$3 million to support vital improvements to our healthcare facility under the Blue Mountain Hospital Facility Improvements project.

As the only critical access hospital and nursing home in Grant County, Blue Mountain Hospital is essential to ensuring access to quality healthcare in rural eastern Oregon. Our commitment to delivering high-quality patient care and advancing life and safety initiatives is at the heart of this funding request. Our hospital and nursing home buildings have not seen major upgrades in over 30 years. These improvements are not optional—they are critical to protecting lives, ensuring the safety of our patients, staff, and visitors, and maintaining compliance with current regulatory standards.

The request includes:

- Nursing Home Improvements – \$580,000:
Backup generator installation, attic insulation, kitchen and stove hood replacement, LED lighting upgrades, and bathroom renovations.

- Hospital Building Improvements – \$2.6 million:
Roof replacement, HVAC rooftop systems replacement, flooring replacement, hot water system replacement, and compressor upgrades.

These investments are critical for addressing aging infrastructure and sustaining a care environment that meets current healthcare standards and expectations in our rural region.

In closing, I respectfully urge your support for the Blue Mountain Hospital Facility Improvements project and the \$3 million in capital funding it requires. Your investment will ensure that our hospital remains a safe, efficient, and modern facility capable of meeting the healthcare needs of our community—today and into the future.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Margie Molitor
Chief Executive Officer
Blue Mountain Hospital District