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On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Center funding request

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On

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SB5531

This is a note in support of SB5531 -- the Osborn Aquatic Center funding request.

I teach physics at Linn-Benton Community College and my students work on underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) that are used to explore volcanic lakes in Oregon and to enter in international ROV competitions. Osborn has been the swimming pool that has supported us for the past 15 years. In the pool my students learn to SCUBA dive and they test their ROV.

Additionally, the 2027 Marine Advanced Technology Education Center is planning on having its international competition in Corvallis, Oregon. This will bring 40 teams of college and university students from around the world to OSU and Corvallis. Having Osborn Aquatic Center full back online will not only make hosting the competition more possible, but it will also demonstrate the community vitality of Corvallis and Oregon as whole.

Please support Osborn Aquatic Center's funding requestion.

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