

May 5, 2025

Dear Joint Committee on Capitol Construction,

My name is Courtney Shaff and I live in Corvallis, Oregon. I am writing to bring to your attention the current situation at Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. Since October 2024 Osborn Aquatic Center has been closed due to corrosion of the support beams of the Natatorium Roof for the indoor pools. This building is owned by the Corvallis School District and managed by the City of Corvallis. More information on the current problem and identified solutions can be found here: [ElectronicFile.aspx](#)

Why is this important?

- When Osborn Aquatic Center is open it teaches over 1000 youth in learn to swim drowning prevention classes each week This is an important resource for our community, especially being located on a river, where knowing how to swim can literally be the difference between life and death.
- Osborn Aquatic Center has been identified by as 1 of the top 5 best indoor swim facilities on the west coast. It is the only indoor 50-meter competition pool in Oregon.
- The Corvallis Aquatic Team, which calls Osborn Aquatic Center home, hosts between 4-6 large meets a year and many smaller meets. These swim meets draw teams from across the region and generate around \$1.5 million in economic revenue for the City of Corvallis through hotels and restaurants.
- Osborn Aquatic Center provides an excellent source of 180 youth and young adult employment within the community, which is significantly reduced during the closure of the indoor pool.

What am I asking?

I am asking the State Legislature step-up and provide support to the Corvallis Community and the entire Oregon Swimming Community and provide financial resources to the Corvallis School District to fix the pool. Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider this request and help Corvallis and the Oregon Swimming Community!!

Sincerely,

Courtney Shaff

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