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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5531
Topic:

To: Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Re:

support for funds to assist with repair of Corvallis Osborn Aquatic Center

This letter of testimony is to recommend full support for SB5531 -- the Osborn Aquatic Center funding request. OAC provides a vital hub for recreation, exercise classes, and water safety education for many people of all ages, living in a large geographic area surrounding Corvallis. It has also been an important regional center for numerous competitive swimming events that include teams from Oregon, Washington, California, and beyond. According to City of Corvallis, the closure has resulted in an estimated \$1.5 million in lost revenue, significant disruptions to community and regional programming, and the furlough of more than 150 employees. It has also undermined the City's capacity to attract visitors and sustain local tourism. The state funding received through SB5531 would enable the city to complete the necessary repairs and restore Osborn's full services to the community. Osborn Aquatic Center is a critical resource for the physical, mental, and emotional well-being for residents in Linn and Benton Counties and the wider region.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.