

Submitter: Amy Johnson
On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Facility
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Good morning, Senator Gelsor,

I'm reaching out today to voice my support for the measure to ensure funding to repair the Osborn Aquatic Center. As an Aquatics Professional and an avid swimmer, former coach; this natatorium is a vital part of our community. It supports not only the lifesaving measures of teaching people how to swim, but youth sports, physical fitness and promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. While coaching and with my own children, Osborn is frequently the "go to" facility for our USA Swimming competitions. These events bring swimmers and their families in from all PNW states, which helps to boost the local economy. Additionally, my boys have fond memories of the Bend Swim Club "Corvallis Bus Trip", where our kids would head over to swim a weekend meet, then stop at the water park on the way back to Bend.

I hope to see this measure pass and appreciate the work you're putting into the initiative. Swimming is important to me personally, and I know I would not be here today without the sport. It's disheartening to see so many facilities across the country in the same state as Osborn, but it's due to the actions of people like you that several are being saved.

Thank you again for your time and efforts!

Sincerely,

Amy Johnson