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On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Center
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
Measure: SB553

The Osborn Aquatic Center is a vital facility contributing to the livability of Corvallis. Since October, the closure of the indoor pool, due to an unsafe roof, has eliminated a swim lesson program which teaches water safety, water exercise classes and lap swimming for many who are unable to do land-based exercise. In the rainy, Willamette Valley, Osborn has offered an indoor exercise activity for families, individuals and teams.

Opened in May of 1979, Osborn Aquatic center has been the home of the Corvallis Aquatic Team which brings teams from all over the state and beyond for competition in one of the few 50 meter pools in the state. Families fill Corvallis hotels, eat at restaurants and contribute to the economy of the city.

In addition to the 50 meter pool, a separate warm water pool soothes the arthritic and special needs populations

Masters swimmers, Special Olympics, high school swim teams, lifeguard and water safety instructor training, and many other programs have all been without a pool.

I urge you to allocate lottery funds for the purpose of restoring Osborn Aquatic Center, reviving a much used and needed facility for the state of Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,
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