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OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

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REPORT: This resolution is prepared at the request of Oregon Department of Community College and Workforce Development/Oregon Community College Association (ODCCWD/OCCA). Oregon's 17 Community Colleges are recognized as a vital component of the higher education system in the state, providing workforce training, a key access point for post-secondary education statewide, and other opportunities to students that strengthen the state's economic development efforts. All 17 colleges have capital construction project needs, due in part to reduced state capital matching funds since the 1970s. Provision of funds to upgrade and build new facilities will provide new and expanded educational opportunities for students in Oregon and greater support for business and economic development; therefore

The Board of Directors of PCC also recognizes the current lack of equity in dollars per FTE funding across the state's community colleges, and regards that as being the highest current barrier to student access.

RECOMMENDATION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Portland Community College District encourages the Governor (and his staff) to include one capital project for each community college in the proposed state budget for the next biennium, 2007-2009, so long as restoration of funding to the Community College Support Fund is not jeopardized. It is understood that the legislature must then approve the bond issuance.