

## Capital Project Change to Approved Budget: HMSC Seawater System Renewal

### BACKGROUND

The \$5.0M budget for HMSC Seawater Infrastructure Renewal project was approved by the Board of Trustees in August of 2021. Staff are requesting a budget increase of \$600,000 to reach a total budget of \$5.6M. This budget increase exceeds the 10% limit requiring board approval under the [Approval of Capital Projects policy](#).

### PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

The Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) has a sophisticated seawater distribution system that provides reliable access to high quality seawater needed for a variety of experiments, research, outreach and education. The replacement of the causeway/pier and pump system involves in-water work and temporary pumping systems, so any component that is discovered to have a limited service duration will be difficult and expensive to replace in the future. Several components originally assumed to be viable, such as the stainless steel intake grid, have been found to need replacement.

Capital Project	Total	CIR Funds	State Paid Bonds	OSU Revenue Bonds
As presented to the Board May 2021	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000
Current Plan for January 2022	\$5,600,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$5,000,000

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Finance & Administration Committee recommend to the Board approval of the budget increase for the HMSC Seawater Infrastructure Renewal project to bring the total project budget to \$5.6M.