

BIENNIAL CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION TO HECC

Finance and Administration Committee
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Item 5c: Biennial Capital Project Proposal Submission to HECC

- Every other year, the Board of Trustees reviews and endorses the university's biennial budget request to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).
- Agenda
 - Presentation of Gilbert Hall STEM Education Center
 - Presentation of Gilkey Hall Completion
 - Presentation of OSU-Cascades Student Health and Recreation Center with Land Development

Background

Gilbert Hall STEM Education Center: \$88.0 million (\$66.0 million of State-paid bonds, \$4 million of State-paid Capital Improvement & Renewal funds, \$18.0 million of OSU Capital Improvement & Renewal funds or Gifts)

- Transforms a building currently challenged programmatically and operationally
- Creates a modern, effective STEM teaching core for Physics and Chemistry and will advance nearly every aspect of *PWS*
- High-quality learning environment will bring the appeal, capacity and efficiency to attract and retain OSU's STEM students and faculty
- Estimated \$60,000,000 removed from deferred maintenance backlog

Background



Gilbert Hall, last building designed for OSU by John Bennes, opened in 1939

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Gilkey Hall Completion: \$20.0 million (\$9 million of State-paid bonds, \$8 million State-paid Capital Improvement & Renewal funds, \$3.0 million of OSU Capital Improvement & Renewal funds)

- Previously in the 2024-25 biennium forecast; during interior demolition, significant building deficiencies were discovered.
- As of March of 2026, OSU has spent \$13.5M to replace the interior structure and roof and improve the shell so that the building is stable and preserved.
- The \$20M completion of the building interior, including a new home for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and General-Purpose classrooms, will be submitted to HECC as the university's second priority
- If approved, in Spring 2029.

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Gilkey Hall, built in 1912, served as the Dairy Building until 1951

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**Student Health and Recreation Center with Land Development:
\$95.0 million (State-paid bonds of \$50.0 million, OSU-paid bonds of \$9.0 million, \$10.0 million of gifts and \$26M of Partnership/other funds)**

- E&G and student fee-supported project that remediates land to prepare for future campus growth while also building a health and recreation center
- Vital to student recreation and wellness and key to attracting and retaining students
- Project funding is forecasted at \$95M.
- *This project was included in the 2025 Ten-Year Capital Forecast with an \$84M budget and it is being considered for full or partial funding in the current legislative short session; results expected by the end of February. If the project is not fully funded in the current biennium, construction cost inflation is expected to add up to \$11M, so the HECC submission and 2026 capital forecast reflect a potential \$95M budget.*

Background



Architectural rendering of the OSU Cascades Student Health and Recreation Center

Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Finance and Administration Committee recommend to the board acceptance of this FY2027-FY2029 Capital Funding Request for submittal to HECC.