LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Federal COVID Relief Supplemental

• Total $22B in relief for public/non-profit higher education institutions

• Estimated allocation to OSU: $25.5M
  • Minimum requirement for student aid with OSU allocation: $7.779M
  • Flexibility for use of funds for remainder of OSU allocation ($17.8M), including expenses, student support programs, additional student aid
  • Maintenance of effort requirement for state to maintain proportional investment in higher education to overall spending over FY2017-2019

• Other COVID relief provisions of interest:
  • Funding to states/governors for additional education relief ($4.05B total), testing support, vaccine distribution, child care support, broadband connectivity
Enacted Federal FY2021 Appropriations: Allocations of Interest to OSU

- **Education:** Max Pell Grant increase of $150, and modest increases to all federal financial aid programs
- **NSF:** 2.5% increase in the total budget
- **USDA:**
  - Flat funding for statewide agriculture research (Hatch) and extension capacity (Smith-Lever), with a $10M increase for competitive agriculture research (AFRI)
  - Directed funds for OSU/USDA research collaborations around the state, including new funds for hemp ($2.5M), shellfish breeding ($1.0M), rangeland livestock management ($3.0M), soil health ($1.5M), and wine grape smoke taint research ($1.5M)
Enacted Federal FY2021 Appropriations: Allocations of Interest to OSU - Continued

- **Navy**: Directed funds to Navy for OSU research priorities, including marine robotics and marine energy R&D

- **NOAA**: Increased funds (4%) for oceanic and atmospheric research, strong support for Sea Grant, and directed funds to ensure continued capacity support for OSU/NMFS hydrographic observation line
Oregon Legislature

• January 11: Sworn in

• January 19: Session begins

• June 27: Constitutional Sine Die

• All committee hearings and votes will be conducted remotely

• The Legislature will start regularly convening in person in April

• Capitol will remain closed to the public until Marion County enters Moderate Risk Level
OSU Virtual Advocacy

• Meetings with legislators are taking place virtually

• Beaver Caucus held first virtual advocacy event on December 10

• OSU Extension is implementing an in-depth legislative outreach strategy

• OSU Day (May 6) & Statewides Day (March 24) scheduled virtually

• Additional targeted advocacy opportunities will be added
2021 Legislative Agenda

• $900M Public University Support Fund
• $80M Shared Capital Renewal Fund
• $13.8M OSU-Cascades Student Success Center
• $86M Cordley Hall – Phase II & III, Complete Building
• $40M in XI-F Bonds for Reser Project
• Requesting 7.42% CSL for Statewide Public Service Programs & State Programs
• $10M reestablished for the University Innovation Research Fund
2021 Legislative Agenda

• **Credit Transfer:** Policy concept led by the Statewide Provost’s Council to develop a common course numbering system and establish a state Transfer Council.

• **University Research Venture Fund Tax Credit:** Extend popular research tax credit sunset to 2028.

• **Hemp:** Legislation to update the state hemp plan and establish a hemp commodity commission.

• **Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia:** Carry-over legislation from 2019 and 2020 to fund research addressing ocean acidification and hypoxia.
Questions?