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# Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

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**Filing Information:**

Measure No. 24-507 Election Date: November 5, 2024

**Explanatory Statement:**

See attached

Total Words: 458 (Important: Statement may NOT exceed 500 words)

Authorized Signature: Signature Redacted Title: President

Printed Name: Jessica Howard

Government Unit: Chemeketa Community College

Chemeketa Community College's bond measure aims to enhance educational opportunities, upgrade aging facilities, and improve safety across the College's campuses.

### **Expanding Educational Opportunities**

Chemeketa serves over 17,000 students annually across seven locations, providing education and career training. This bond measure will allow the College to:

- **Establish a New CTE Trades Center:** Address the region's workforce needs by training workers in skilled trades essential to local industries, including HVAC, Sheet Metal, and other apprenticeship programs.
- **Create a Community Health and Wellness Center:** Renovate and modernize a key facility, to meet contemporary health education needs. The facility will also be upgraded to function as a community resource site during disasters, such as the wildfires of 2020. Bond funding would allow access to an additional \$8 million in state grants for this project.
- **Enhance Opportunities in Outreach Areas:** Renovate existing spaces in Woodburn for a science laboratory; in Brooks for emergency services training; and in Polk and Yamhill counties to improve teaching and study spaces.

### **Promoting Student Access and Success**

Chemeketa intends to use bond proceeds to improve safety and provide educational and workforce training that will prepare students for careers now and in the future.

- **Modernize Technology and Classroom Facilities:** Ensure that students have access to updated learning environments that will allow them to interact and use technology to be successful in the workforce.
- **Improve Safety:** Upgrade interior and exterior lighting, improve parking lot and sidewalk accessibility, and enhance campus security including cameras and access controls for doors.
- **Upgrade Community Athletic Fields:** Renovate existing fields, including installation of lighting, to increase availability and usage for the College and the community.

### **Preserving and Extending College Facilities**

The bond will fund renovations that preserve the community's investment in College infrastructure by:

- **Extending Building Lifespans:** Renew outdated heating and cooling systems, enhance energy conservation, upgrade elevators, and replace roofs.
- **Aging Infrastructure Upgrades:** Keep College buildings functional and safe for future generations through targeted repairs.

### **Conserving Public Resources**

The College has a track record of responsible financial management, as demonstrated by the execution of the 2008 bond measure. With the expiration of the previous bonds, this new measure aims to:

- **Maximize Existing Resources:** Renovate rather than replace aging buildings to save on operational costs and improve energy efficiency.

- **Promote Equitable Cost Distribution:** Structure bond payments to include contributions from new district residents, ensuring fairness in tax levies.

**Financing the Bonds:**

If approved, the bonds are estimated to have the same levy rate as the total original estimate for the expiring 2008 bonds.

The estimated tax rate to repay the bonds is approximately \$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For a residence assessed at \$275,000, the annual cost would be approximately \$74.25. Bonds will be repaid in a period not to exceed 21 years.