



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

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Measure No. _____ Election Date: May 20, 2025

Explanatory Statement:

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VP College Support Services & Chief Financial Officer
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Government Unit: Chemeketa Community College

Chemeketa Community College's bond measure aims to expand career and technical education (CTE) programs, upgrade aging facilities to preserve building life, and improve safety across the College's campuses.

Expanding Career and Technical Education Opportunities

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

- **Dedicate Bond Funds to CTE.** These funds will upgrade classrooms, labs, and hands-on learning spaces for high-demand career fields.
- **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 Education Center & Resource Site:** Renovate and modernize Building 7 on Salem Campus to meet contemporary health education needs. Bond funding would leverage an additional \$8 million in state grants to additionally upgrade Building 7 to function as a community resource and command site during disasters, such as the wildfires of 2020.
- **Enhance Facilities Outside of Salem:** Renovate existing spaces in Woodburn for a science laboratory; in Brooks and Yamhill County for emergency services training; and in Polk and Yamhill counties to improve career teaching and learning spaces.

Promoting Student Preparation and Safety

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 modern technology 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.

Preserving and Extending Useful Life of College Facilities

The bond will fund facility improvements to 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 through targeted building repairs.
- **Renovate Community Athletic Fields:** Extend useful life of existing fields, including installation of lighting, to increase availability and usage for the community.

- **Maximize Existing Resources** by renovating, rather than replacing, aging buildings to save on operational costs and lower energy costs.

Maintains Average Tax Rate from Prior 10 Years

If approved, the measure is estimated to cost property taxpayers approximately 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value (not real market value), which continues the average tax rate from the last decade.

For a residence assessed at \$300,000, the annual cost would be approximately \$81. Note that assessed value is generally lower than the real market value of a property. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value. Bonds will be repaid in a period not to exceed 21 years.