Kitzhaber proposes $242M for college construction
Gov. John Kitzhaber proposes distributing $242 million in bond sale proceeds throughout the state’s higher ed system to fund new construction in his 2013-2015 budget.

The state funds will augment an additional $390 million in bond proceeds that the individual schools will repay.

The governor’s office developed the list to help schools develop capacity to support Oregon’s 40-40-20 higher ed goal. By 2025, Oregon aims to have a 100 percent high school completion rate with 40 percent of adults earning a bachelor’s or higher degree, 40 percent earning an associate degree or credential and 20 percent of adults earning a high school diploma or equivalent.

**Oregon State University**

OSU is the big winner under the 2013-2015 budget proposal. The governor allocated $58.5 million, including $12 million to develop a four-year university program at OSU’s Cascades campus in Bend, $32.5 million for classroom and campus updates and $20 million for a chemical, biological and environmental building.

OSU and the [Oregon University System](http://www.oregonstate.edu) would contribute an additional $69 million in bond proceeds.

**Portland State University**

PSU would receive $40 million to rebuild the school of business administration, including deferred maintenance. PSU would contribute an additional $10 million in bond funds.

**Southern Oregon University**

SOU would receive $5.5 million to remodel and expand the theater arts building. The school will contribute an additional $27 million in bond funds.

**University of Oregon**

UO would receive $11 million to expand Straub and Earl halls. UO would contribute an additional $219.3 million in bond funds to expand its student recreation center, build new student housing and expand Earl Memorial Union.

**Western Oregon University**
SOU will receive $17.2 million for a new college of education facility.

**Oregon University System**

OUS would receive $30 million in state bond funds for capital, code and safety programs. The university system would contribute an additional $55 million for various operational programs.

**Community Colleges**

Ten Oregon community colleges will receive a total $70 million in state bond proceeds for capital projects, including $8 million to Clackamas Community College for its Clairmont Career and Technology Education Center.

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