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# Klamath County CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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June 20, 2016

Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
c/o Ben Cannon, Executive Director  
775 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee,

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce supports Oregon Tech and the Oregon Renewable Energy Center (OREC) as they seek state support through a Policy Option Package to fulfill their mandate in ORS 352.221 to "engage in renewable energy system engineering and applied research."

Oregon Tech and OREC are unique resources in Oregon. That is why the legislature asked them to fulfill this role as a public purpose applied research center in 2001 to expand the development of renewable energy, provide technical assistance on its use, and engage with companies and communities to grow jobs in the energy sector.

The entire community wholeheartedly supports Oregon Tech's request for a Policy Option Package, as part of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission budget. Collaboration with OREC is a key component of our economic development and talent development strategy on several fronts:

- Contributes to utilizing the rich renewable energy resources that are available to families and businesses in the region;
- Offers faculty-student teams to work with local and state companies on energy technologies;
- Encourages entrepreneurship and business formation in the region (many of the students are inventing clean tech devices with huge social impact that could be manufactured or distributed from Klamath Falls);
- Helps the community attract and retain students who will potentially become our civic and business leaders;
- Provides experiential learning to increase student completion and preparation for the workforce.

Please support Oregon Tech, OREC, and the Klamath Basin.

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