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### **Senator Alan Bates applauds passage of Oregon Jobs Stimulus Plan**

*Plan will create 'shovel-ready' jobs, shore up state infrastructure, invest in Rogue C.C., SOU*

SALEM – The state economic stimulus plan passed by the Senate today will provide jobs across Oregon and boost the struggling economy. Senate Bill 338 provides over \$175 million in deferred maintenance and capitol construction through bond sales on February 11.

“This legislation reflects our support for Oregon families who are struggling in these tough times. I was proud to vote for this package and I’m pleased to see its success on the floor today,” said Sen. Alan Bates (D-Ashland).

The stimulus plan will directly support workers in construction and related fields, creating 10.8 direct jobs and 6.5 indirect jobs for every \$1 million in construction costs. Reducing unemployment stimulates the economy through increased spending and income taxes. At the same time, deferred maintenance projects save the state money by prolonging the life of state buildings, and improving energy efficiency and work environments for Oregon citizens.

In Jackson County the majority of the allocated resources will be used at Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University. Nearly \$2 million will be allotted to SOU for classroom modernization, elevator upgrades and roof replacement, while another \$4 million in bonds will be used at RCC to update classrooms, increase energy efficiency and comply with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act.

“This is a smart investment in Oregon and Oregonians. All of these projects are ready to start by April 1. Everyone wins,” said Bates.

The entire list of deferred maintenance projects and other resources on SB 338 is available [here](#) or at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lfo/home.htm>. The bill will head to the House floor for a vote next week.

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