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**Buckley Secures Funding for SOU Science Building Safety
Upgrades**

HB 5006 provides for much-needed seismic retrofitting of building

Representative Peter Buckley (D-Ashland) is pleased to announce preliminary legislative approval for a major construction project at Southern Oregon University. Included in a state capital construction package passed today by the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction is \$21 million for seismic retrofitting and deferred maintenance of SOU's Science Building.

"The destruction wrought by recent earthquakes around the world highlights the importance of seismic retrofitting," said Buckley, House Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means. "These improvements ensure our students will have the safe learning environment they expect and deserve."

HB 5006 now goes to the full Joint Committee on Ways & Means where it is expected to be approved later today.

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