

Advocacy for OSU Statewide Public Service Programs Funding 2025-2027 Legislative Session

Talking Points for When You are Engaged in Conversation with Your Legislator or Legislative Staff

1. You are advocating (NOT LOBBYING) for **SUPPORT and PASSAGE** of the OSU Statewide Public Service Programs Funding Bill (**HB 2408**).
2. OSU Statewide Public Service Programs includes OSU Extension and you, as a Master Gardener, have been an active Extension volunteer for ____ # of years.
3. You care about the passage of this bill, because your volunteer experience as a Master Gardener shows how OSU Extension helps your communities' residents through education and outreach in sustainable gardening practices, providing research-based resources for issues such as climate change, invasive plant species and fire-resistant and water-wise landscape design and techniques.
4. Name a couple of examples of your first-hand observations or client comments as to the impact of the Extension Master Gardener program in your community (their district and constituents).
5. The Statewide Public Service Programs funding request is \$207.2 M is a \$23.5 M increase from the current allocation budget. This increase includes a \$17.5 million to fully fund continued service levels to sustain core mission programs and services and a small \$6 million in new funding to build capacity in critical areas for a resilient Oregon.

See details at [OSU Statewide Public Programs 2025 Funding Request](#)

6. Ask your legislator (or Staff) to **SUPPORT HB 2408** when it comes up for a vote in their House/Senate committees or on the Senate or House floor (**HB 2408** is the \$207.2M package for OSU Statewide Public Service Programs which includes OSU Extension and the MG program).
7. Check if they have any questions or would like additional information about how OSU Extension and all of its programs serves their district? Your County may also have in addition to Extension, one or both programs that OSU Statewide Funding Bill encompasses. Both the Agriculture Experiment Station and Forest Research Laboratory are part of HB 2408 and if your County has these programs, you should relay to your Legislator (or Staff) that these programs are included in **HB 2408** and all the more reason to SUPPORT and pass this bill.

Online Resources

Locate your legislator at <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/>

Report your legislative contact at <https://osu.secure.force.com/forms/ExtensionEngagementIntake>