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Co-Chairs Oelslager and Callender, Vice-Chair Scherer, Ranking Member Cera, and members of the Ohio House Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today as a proponent to House Bill 670, the Capital Reappropriations Bill. My name is Brian Perera, and I am the Associate Vice-president for state relations at Ohio State University. *I would respectfully request inclusion of the reappropriation line items for Ohio State University in HB 670.*

The Ohio State University, celebrating its 150th year in 2020, has enrollment of more than 68,000 students in the 2019-2020 academic year. Ohio State University consists of a Columbus campus (Franklin), regional campuses in Lima (Allen), Mansfield (Richland), Marion (Marion), and Newark (Licking), as well as a Wooster campus (Wayne) that houses our Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. Additionally, we have other facilities across the state like Don Scott Airport, Molly Caren Agricultural Center, and Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island in Lake Erie.

Due to our institution's size and land grant mission, we oversee more than 16,000 acres of land and operate/maintain nearly 1,300 state-owned buildings. As the state has asked public institutions of higher education to focus on renovation and maintenance in the last several capital biennia, those purposes are how Ohio State University has been utilizing its state capital appropriations. Inclusion of Ohio State's line items in HB 670 is vital in order to continue ongoing projects and prevent spending authority from lapsing on July 1st, essentially creating a circumstance where we would be sending skilled tradespeople and suppliers home without having completed many renovation projects. Without the reappropriations, these projects would not have the funding to proceed and as such would stop, negatively impacting construction jobs at a time when this type of work is most needed.

As you know, the purpose of a state capital reappropriations bill is to reauthorize usage of unexpended balances of capital budget projects previously approved by the General Assembly. This is necessary due to the Ohio Constitution's provision prohibiting appropriations from being made for a period of more than two years. Reappropriations of unexpended balances ensure these projects can continue without interruption or delay. Also, because capital appropriations do not go into immediate effect like current expense/operating appropriations, the emergency clause in the bill is important. Thank you to bill sponsor Rep. Merrin for including the emergency clause.

It is important to note that the requested dollar amounts contained in the spreadsheet attached to my testimony are not "actual" amounts to be reappropriated. Rather, the dollar values are reasonable-estimate placeholders from a snapshot in time when reappropriations requests were submitted to and reviewed by the Office of Budget and Management. I believe submissions to OBM were made late in calendar year 2019. As noted in the uncodified section of HB 670, the bill before you reappropriates the actual unencumbered balances, rather than the dollar amount placeholders, as of June 30, 2020. Again, enactment of this measure prior to July 1 will ensure no gap in appropriation authority exists for reappropriated projects.

The spreadsheet attached to my testimony reflects the line items, project names, and status for each of Ohio State University's requested reappropriations. All non-community projects are in process. The community projects on the spreadsheet are pass-through dollars and are on our list because the university serves as the fiscal agent for those appropriations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to address any questions you might have.

Ohio State University requested FY 21 - FY 22 capital reappropriations

ALI	Project	\$	Status
C315AZ	Neuromodulation Clinical Expansion	\$278,734	Project ongoing. Federal matching funds at risk if not reappropriated.
C315BR	Replacement Emergency Generators	\$1,334,861	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315D2	Supercomputer Center Expansion	\$11,120	ODHE project.
C315DE	Ohio Library and Information Network	\$1,674	ODHE project.
C315DM	Roof Repair and Replacements	\$5,223,634	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DN	Fire System Replacements	\$4,134,044	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DP	HVAC Repair and Replacements	\$13,084,042	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DQ	Elevator Safety Repairs and Replacements	\$4,486,250	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DR	Infrastructure Improvements	\$569,200	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DS	Building Envelope Repair	\$371,351	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DT	Plumbing Repair	\$945,475	Multiple buildings. Projects are ongoing.
C315DU	Road/Bridge Repair	\$4,067,118	Roadway and storm drain safety projects. Ongoing.
C315DX	Thorne Hall - Wooster	\$156,000	Completion of project on Wooster campus.
C315EF	HVAC Repair and Replacement - Lima campus	\$249,608	Ongoing project.
C315EH	Campus Security Improvement - Lima	\$40,669	Campuswide security system installation - ongoing.
C315EK	OSU African-American Studies Extension Center	\$1,000,000	Community Project.
C315EZ	Dynamic Materials Instrument	\$18,681	Federal Research Project from Ohio Action Funds.
C315FC	Postle Hall Partial Replacement	\$260,000	Project nearing completion.
C315FD	Electrical Repairs	\$2,488,080	Continuing projects for electrical maintenance and safety.
C315FE	Standby Generators - Lima	\$257,000	Ongoing back-up generator project for various campus buildings.
C315FQ	Founder's Hall Renovation Planning - Newark	\$3,220,532	Building project ongoing in conjunction with Science and Technology Building.
C315FV	Mathematical Biosciences	\$12,568	Federal Research Project from Ohio Action Funds.
C315GA	Celeste Lab Renovation	\$27,321,066	Large project. Ongoing. Expected completion 2022.
C315GB	Hamilton Hall Renovation	\$14,403,070	Large project. Ongoing. In conjunction with Optometry and Medicine.
C315GC	Newton Hall Renovation/Addition	\$6,909,332	Large project. Ongoing. Nursing College with expected completion in 2021.
C315GD	Reed Hall Restroom Renovation - Lima	\$263,869	Ongoing renovation project.
C315GE	Parking Lot/Sidewalk Renovations - Lima	\$53,057	Ongoing project now in post-construction close out.
C315GF	Outdoor Lighting Renovation - Lima	\$645,500	Ongoing safety project with expected 2020 completion.
C315GG	Conard Hall Chemistry Lab Renovation - Mansfield	\$1,716,887	Ongoing project with expected completion date of 2021.
C315GH	Alber Student Center Renovation - Marion	\$1,725,547	Ongoing project with expected completion date in 2020.
C315GI	Asphalt Paving Renovations - Marion	\$620,000	Ongoing project with expected completion date in 2020.
C315GK	Building Envelope and Walk Renovations - Marion	\$326,218	Ongoing project with expected completion date in 2020.
C315GO	Canine Companions Regional Training Facility	\$750,000	Community Project.
C315GP	Smart Columbus Experience Center	\$500,000	Community Project.
C315GR	Health Port Authority Primary Standards Lab	\$250,000	Community Project.
C315GS	Boys and Girls Club Marion County Teen Center	\$50,000	Community Project.
C315GT	Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center Project	\$90,000	Community Project.
C315GU	Union County Automotive and Mobility Center	\$1,500,000	Community Project.
C315GW	Sea Grant - Stone Lab	\$2,143,446	Ongoing project with expected completion date in 2021.
C315H3	OARnet	\$9,457	ODHE project.
C315S4	Library Depository - Central	\$28,631	ODHE project.
C315X2	Integrated Technical Infrastructure	\$23,382	ODHE/OH-Tech project.
	subtotal non-community projects	\$92,400,103	
	subtotal community projects	\$4,140,000	
	total	\$96,540,103	