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Dear Joint Boards Articulation Committee:

We, the undersigned Provosts of the Oregon Public Universities, support the proposed Associate of Science Oregon Transfer degree in Computer Science (ASOT-CS). Pursuant to HB 2970, the proposed degree program will enable seamless transition between Oregon's community colleges and Oregon's public universities for students studying computer science, a field where Oregon industry faces a critical workforce shortage.

This proposed program builds upon the course articulations already in place between many of Oregon's community colleges and our universities' computer science programs, and upon the transfer degree programs already in place in our state. As a focused transfer degree program, the ASOT-CS will improve the visibility of computer science as a degree and career pathway in Oregon. It will benefit students by increasing access to financial aid throughout the community college program, and by providing clear advising pathways to computer science baccalaureate programs at all of our state's public universities.

Our institutions will accept the credits that students earn in the ASOT-CS as approved, and recipients of this degree will be admitted to our universities with junior status, for purposes of enrollment. The ASOT-CS may not guarantee admission to specific CS programs, which have separate admissions requirements. We look forward to increased access to the study of computer science at our universities.

Sincerely yours,

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