

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program within State Parks and Recreation Department for purpose of awarding grants to participants in Oregon Main Street Network. Outlines following requirements for Department: adopt formula for awarding grants; give priority to proposals in traditionally underserved communities; develop criteria to determine eligibility of grant applicants and proposed projects; provide assistance and monitoring for grant recipients; and develop rules to implement grant program. Establishes Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in Fund to Department for purposes of program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The program is anticipated to be utilized in many rural communities throughout the state

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Strikes Section 3 of the bill which relates to bonding authority. The bonding authority will be authorized in HB 5030 in the amount of \$2.5 million.

BACKGROUND:

The National Main Street Center is a national organization committed to historic preservation-based community revitalization. The organization operates through education, outreach, hands-on training, online resources, facilitation of connections and conferences to enable local leaders across the country to build communities. Over the past 34 years, the National Main Street Center has helped more than 2,000 communities organize frameworks to preserve and revitalize their traditional downtowns and commercial districts.