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RE: HB 3139

Dear Chair Lininger and Members of the Committee:

The Cultural Advocacy Coalition supports HB 3139. Oregon Museums have a history of providing arts education and access to the public throughout the state. By including museum-related activities within the definition of "arts," HB 3139 recognizes the importance of museums in providing arts programs.

The bill also recognizes that the commission needs to fund organizations that provide arts programming where access to arts is more limited than more urban areas of the State, in some instance being the only source of such programs available to the community.

HB 3139 provides the Oregon Arts Commission clear guidelines for funding arts and culture organizations throughout our State in a way that promotes regional parity in funding and access to arts and cultural experiences.

It is for these reasons that the Cultural Advocacy Coalition supports HB 3139 and urges its passage.

Sincerely, Craig Campbell