

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Parks and Recreation Department
Historic Revitalization**

On February 18th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Parks and Recreation Department to the National Parks Service in the amount of \$650,000 to fund a sub-grant program for the rehabilitation and restoration of historic theaters throughout the state.

If awarded, Parks would use the funding for statewide outreach and to provide up to eight sub-grants to eligible entities for projects in rural communities with populations under 50,000. Parks has been working in partnership with the Oregon Cultural Trust and Restore Oregon to provide outreach and technical assistance to historic theaters identified in a needs assessment conducted by the University of Oregon in 2015. Sub-grant recipients would be required to provide matching funding of at least 20% of the funding awarded.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.