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Attention: Oregon Senate

Subject: Letter of Support for the Salvage Chief Foundation and Senate Bill 826

Reference(s):

- (a) Senate Bill 826: Appropriation of Monies from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for Distribution to Salvage Chief (LSM380) Foundation for Purpose of Repairing and Upgrading Salvage Vessel
- (b) Gibbs & Cox Letter of Support for the Salvage Chief Foundation and Bill 678, March 18, 2019

Dear Senators,

I am writing to reaffirm our support for the Salvage Chief and Senate Bill 826, Reference (a). Gibbs & Cox, Inc. (G&C) is committed to supporting the much needed hull repairs, engine and fire pump upgrades, and additional upgrades that are needed to meet inspection, health and safety requirements.

As the original designers of the Salvage Chief nearly 80 years ago, G&C is eager to support the return to service of this much needed vessel on the Columbia River. The Salvage Chief is uniquely equipped to provide immediate regional support in the case of a natural disaster, before other responders arrive, and will be instrumental in returning the river to a condition that supports commerce and our national defense requirements.

In addition to the Salvage Chief's disaster recovery capabilities, it is also a strategic resource for training students and others who are interested in the maritime industry, as demonstrated by the Salvage Chief Foundation's engagement with the Job Corps' Seamanship Program. This vessel is uniquely equipped to accomplish this mission.

Should you have any questions on this request, please contact either myself or our VP of Programs, Matt Hans at 703-416-3662 or [mhans@gibbscox.com](mailto:mhans@gibbscox.com).

We look forward to working together with the Salvage Chief Foundation and restore this national asset. Let's Ready the Chief!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CHRIS DEEGAN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHRIS DEEGAN

# Senate Bill 826

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Salvage Chief (LSM380) Foundation for purpose of repairing and upgrading salvage vessel.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
4 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July**  
5 **1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,900,000 million, to be distributed by grant**  
6 **to the Salvage Chief (LSM380) Foundation, an Oregon public benefit corporation, for the**  
7 **purpose of repairing, upgrading and returning to operation the vessel known as the Salvage**  
8 **Chief, as follows:**  
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10 (1) \$1,200,000 million for hull repairs;

11 (2) \$400,000 for engine and fire pump upgrades; and

12 (3) \$300,000 for emergency communications upgrades, United States Coast Guard in-  
13 spection and contingency.

14 **SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
16 **July 1, 2021.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.



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March 18, 2019

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Attention: Oregon Senate

Subject: Letter of support for the Salvage Chief foundation and Bill 678

Dear Senators,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the Salvage Chief and Bill 678. Gibbs & Cox, Inc (G&C) is committed to supporting the repair, upgrade and return of the Salvage Chief.

As the original designers of the Salvage Chief, G&C is ready to support the return of this much needed vessel to service on the Columbia River. This vessel is uniquely equipped to service this region of the country in in the case of a natural disaster and will be instrumental in returning the river to a condition that supports commerce and our national defense requirements.

In addition to the Salvage Chief's disaster recovery capabilities, it is also a strategic resource for training students and others who are interested in the maritime industry. This vessel is uniquely equipped to accomplish this important mission.

Should you have any questions or the need for any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or our VP of Programs, Mr. Matthew Hans at (703) 416-3662.

We are looking forward to seeing the Salvage Chief restored and underway. Ready the Chief!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CHRIS DEEGAN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

CHRIS DEEGAN  
Chief Executive and President  
Gibbs and Cox, Inc.

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