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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 19, 2024

Subject: SB 1531 – Relating to the American semiquincentennial
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1531 creates the 25-member America 250 Oregon Commission charged with coordinating and providing guidance for Oregon’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776 (July 4, 2026). The bill directs the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) to provide staff support for the commission. The measure appropriates \$250,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to transfer to the Oregon Historical Society to work with national, regional, state, local and tribal organizations, and other public or private entities to plan and support this observance.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs on 2/8/2024 and 2/13/2024 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 1531 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 1531 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____