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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital  
Construction

Measure: HB5201

In 2021, the State of Oregon appropriated \$5M from lottery funds to remodel the Aquarium's three indoor galleries - Phase 2. Since 2020's cost estimation, Phase 2 construction has escalated from \$10M to \$12M - for the same scope of work. We have raised \$10.6M, including the State's 2021 grant. Contractors will complete the first two galleries in June 2024, and plans to procure materials for the third gallery area in July/August. We are seeking \$500K from the State to finish remodeling the third gallery area, which will include a new Sea Jelly gallery, as well as mangrove, coral, sea horse, seamount, and other oceanic exhibits highlighting the Pacific Rim. We will close the third gallery area for construction in Sept. 2024. Contractors expect to complete Phase 2 by spring 2025, in time for tourist season. We expect visitation to increase at least 5% in 2024 and 2025, adding \$8.5M in economic value to our \$171M annual impact.

Thank you for your kind consideration of support.