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Bill Title: Relating to support of cultural organizations.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Business Development Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Administrative Services	\$ 8,875,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,875,000	-	-
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 8,925,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,925,000	-	-

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Administrative Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Oregon Business Development Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure includes a one-time \$8.9 million General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) in the 2025-27 biennium for distribution to 14 specified organizations that support arts and culture in Oregon. The measure also includes a one-time \$50,000 General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) in the 2025-27 biennium to conduct a competitive grant program that will award grant funds to a nonprofit organization that supports arts, culture, history, heritage, and humanities throughout Oregon. The grant recipient shall provide technical assistance to an arts and culture organization of its choosing.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure appropriates \$8.9 million General Fund to DAS, which DAS will distribute to 14 specified organizations that support arts and culture in Oregon. Assuming the required distributions in this measure are pass-through grants requiring minimal program management and oversight, DAS will use existing resources to distribute the funding.

Note that the measure directs DAS to distribute General Fund to 14 community-based organizations whose budgets and performance are not subject to executive branch review or approval, or modification by the Legislative Assembly. In addition, the measure is silent on how each entity is expected to use the funds received as well as the terms and conditions for distribution and oversight of funds. Therefore it is assumed that the

legislative intention is for DAS to use existing grantmaking or procurement contracts available to the agency for disbursement of funds, which may provide only limited programmatic and financial monitoring.

The measure requires OBDD to develop and administer a competitive grant program to a nonprofit to be used to provide technical assistance to arts and cultural organizations. OBDD anticipates making a single \$50,000 grant, using a request for grant proposal model. Given the size of the award amount and the anticipated single contract award, the increase in workload associated with the development and management of this program will be met with existing resources. OBDD further assumes no rulemaking activities will be conducted as part of this program.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.