

HB 3191 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates funding for specified arts and culture organizations and programs.

Detailed Summary:

Appropriates \$8,875,000 to 14 specified arts and culture organizations. Appropriates \$400,000 to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the Cultural Resources Economic Fund (CREF). Appropriates \$50,000 to OBDD to conduct a competitive grant program awarding funding to a nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance to other organizations in applying for and receiving public funding. Updates references.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Administration costs
- Relation to HB 3189
- Previous arts and culture funding awarded
- Process to select organizations
- Audience attendance numbers
- National Endowment for the Arts funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes the \$400,000 appropriation to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the Cultural Resources Economic Fund (CREF).

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued.*
- *REVENUE: No revenue impact.*

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon (CACO) established the Cultural Resource Economic Fund (CREF), a program that supports nonprofit cultural organizations' capital construction projects. These projects include new construction as well as the expansion or renovation of facilities and surrounding sites. Projects approved for funding are administered by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for contracting and monitoring. Since it was established, the fund has provided over \$30 million to support 36 cultural institution capital projects.

For 2025- 2027, CACO worked with the Oregon Arts Commission and the Oregon Cultural Trust to endorse 14 capital construction projects. House Bill 3191 appropriates funding for the 14 capital construction projects. It also appropriates money for CREF and OBDD to conduct a grant program.