HB 3189 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Action Date: 03/10/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

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Vote: 7-2-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Diehl, Dobson, Isadore, Lively, Nguyen D, Osborne, Watanabe

Nays: 2 - Skarlatos, Yunker Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/17, 3/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$10,000,000 to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the Oregon Arts Commission (Commission). The measure appropriates \$5,538,997 to OBDD for distribution to the Commission for grants to specified arts and culture organizations. It states that the Commission may not distribute funds from their operating support grant program to the specified organizations until July 1, 2026. It declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Administration costs
- Relationship to House Bill 3191 (2025)
- Previous arts and culture funding
- Process to select organizations
- Audience attendance numbers
- National Endowment for the Arts funding

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment appropriates \$5,538,997 to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for distribution to the Oregon Arts Commission (Commission) for grants to specified arts and culture organizations for the 2025 biennium. It states that the Commission may not distribute funds from their operating support grant program to the specified organizations until July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Arts Commission (Commission) is part of the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). It is supported by state funding, federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, and funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust. The Commission is made up of nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, who determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts.