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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Trade
Oregon State Legislature
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Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Diehl and Isadore, and Committee Members:

The Museum respectfully urges your support for the CREF slate of capital funding requests and HB 3191. The Museum At Warm Springs request specifically supports the design, fabrication and install of a renewed Permanent Exhibit. It hasn't been updated since The Museum's opening in 1993. The fact that the Permanent Exhibit is one-third of The Museum's total space (7,500 sq. ft.) underscores its central significance to The Museum.

The following factors drive renewal: 1) The history, experiences, and stories of the Warm Springs Tribes have deepened and expanded over the last 30 years. 2) The Original carpeting on floors and walls hold moisture that can damage artifacts and puts the health of staff and visitors at risk of contact with mold. 3) The equipment is aged. 4) Museum technology has changed dramatically over the last 30 years, and new technology will improve the presentation 5) Renewal will use equipment, and storytelling approaches specifically for persons with mobility, visual, auditory, and other challenges. 6) The renewed exhibit (tentatively titled Our Voice) will support The Museum's growing educational role and purpose to specifically position The Museum as a center of learning about the land, the Tribes, and our resilience and relationships as a whole. 7) Building on initial support from Visit Central Oregon, this project strengthens The Museum's growing role in Central Oregon's travel industry.

We appreciate your consideration of support for all these important CREF projects, including our funding request honoring the people and ancestors of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

With great respect,

Executive Director
The Museum At Warm Springs

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