

Submitter: John Lewis
On Behalf Of: High Desert Museum
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs and Joint Committee Members,
Please accept this note as a request that you approve the fund request from the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon for \$2 million included in HB3191 or HB5006 to support capital expansion at the Museum. As a Museum Trustee and a resident of Crook County I can attest to the value and quality of the Museum's programs to Central Oregon and our many annual visitors to the greater Bend area. Currently the Museum greets nearly 250,000 Visitors each year. Your approval of this grant will support the Museum's expansion of its programming to share the history, culture, peoples, nature, environs and wonder of the Oregon High Desert to even more Visitors.

I urge you to support this investment in the future of the High Desert Museum and join the private individuals, Federal agencies and Foundations that have already committed to this expansion.

Sincerely,
John R. Lewis