



COLUMBIA RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM
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Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members and Staff,

Columbia River Maritime Museum wholeheartedly supports and urges your funding of the full slate of 13 capital construction projects totaling \$9.325 million in Cultural Resources Economic Funds (CREF) for 2025-2027.

These cultural projects will each contribute significantly to local economic development, tourism, education, and cultural opportunities. These projects will help their communities attract workers and employers alike, and improve the quality of life for current residents.

Each of these projects has already undergone a rigorous vetting process and demonstrated both community need and fiscal responsibility. Please vote to fund each of these vital projects.

I urge your support in particular for Columbia River Maritime Museum's Mariners Hall project, which will significantly expand our ability to provide robust educational programming in schools throughout the North Coast and in the Museum, as well as enhance tourism revenue and livability in our region.

Sincerely,

Bruce Jones
Executive Director