

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Barnhart, Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Lim, Witt
Nays: 0
Exc.: Riley
Prepared By: Ellen Osoinach, Committee Administrator
Meeting Dates: 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Demands that the American Museum of Natural History return Willamette Meteorite to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible venues to house the Meteorite

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to the Lower Columbia Floods Chapter, the Willamette Meteorite was deposited in West Linn during the Ice Age Floods. In 1902, Ellis Hughes discovered the Meteorite on land belonging to Oregon Iron and Wire Company. Hughes hauled the rock to his farm and began exhibiting it for profit. Oregon Iron and Wire eventually won possession of the meteorite through a series of court cases. In 1905, Mrs. William Dodge bought it from Oregon Iron and Wire for \$26,000 and donated it to the American Museum of Natural History in New York where it has remained ever since.