

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 6 - 1 - 1  
**Yeas:** Bailey, Bentz, Galizio, Gilliam, Witt, Read  
**Nays:** Thatcher  
**Exc.:** Holvey  
**Prepared By:** Barbara Allen, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund (Fund) to be used for promoting cultural preservation public education. Requires that moneys collected in enforcement of laws protecting cultural resources be placed in Fund. Allows State Historic Preservation Officer to seek or accept gifts, grants or donations to Fund and provides that those gifts, grants or donations shall be paid into Fund. Authorizes State Historic Preservation Officer to establish criteria and procedures to pay Attorney General for expenses incurred in enforcement of cultural resource protection laws. Permits Fund to be used for costs of enforcement of cultural resource protection laws. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fund can accept gifts and grants but lacks an appropriation of the General Fund
- Current reliance on Oregon State Police for enforcing laws protecting cultural resources
- Fund modeled after consumer protection program
- Proof of special or irreparable damage provision

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The State Historic Preservation Officer oversees the preservation of historic property in Oregon. Some historic properties, such as Native American burial sites and archaeological sites, are subject to frequent looting and vandalism. While looting and vandalism of historic property is subject to criminal or civil laws, and current law specifically authorizes the Attorney General to protect historic property, funding for enforcement has never been designated. Senate Bill 217A provides a funding mechanism for enforcement through the Historic Preservation Revolving Loan Fund (Fund). Senate Bill 217A also allows the Fund to be used for public education about cultural resources and preservation.