

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays: -
Exc.: -
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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) to repair and restore skylights and stairwells on either side of rotunda of State Capitol and, to the extent possible, use volunteer labor to clean and polish designated brass pieces in original part of State Capitol. Directs LAC to use moneys available under certifications of participations from Capitol Renovation Project and accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts to complete projects. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Capitol building
- Importance of maintaining the beauty of the building
- Minimal cost associated with restoration of the skylights
- Partnering with Boy Scout and Girls Scout Troops or Oregon Department of Corrections for the cleaning and polishing of the brass

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The Legislation Administration Committee is the primary support body for the Legislative Assembly with a legislative administrator serving as it administrative officer. Each year thousands of tourists visit the Oregon State Capitol, many climbing the 121 steps up to the Capitol tower. It is the responsibility of the Legislative Administrator to see to the oversight and daily operations of the all capitol activities and maintenance.

Starting in the spring of 2008, the Oregon Legislature began conducting a one-year project to develop a master plan for the Capitol. Development of the Oregon State Capitol Master Plan includes evaluation of existing Capitol facilities and identification of current and future needs for the Capitol over a twenty to thirty year time frame. Once completed, the master plan will chart a course for use of the historic Capitol, and define how future projects will continue efforts to restore the Capitol.