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The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of the Request**

The Oregon State Library (OSL) requests approval to apply for a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions (PAG) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for projects beginning in January, 2016. The deadline for submission is May 5, 2015. Final application materials will be posted by the NEH in March, 2015.

The funding focus for PAG awards is limited to three areas: preservation collections assessments by professional conservators, purchase of storage furniture for collections, and purchase of preservation supplies for collections. The State Library will be asking for funding to purchase preservation supplies to re-house items in the Government Information and Library Services Division's collections which are presently housed in sub-standard (acidic) enclosures. Funds will be used for items in the Oregon Documents and Oregon History collections which are key to OSL's mission to provide library services for state government and which OSL is committed to provide long-term access.

The grant proposal will request \$6000 in federal funds. No matching funds are required. The anticipated announcement for recipients of PAG awards is Fall, 2015.

### **Agency Request**

The Oregon State Library requests approval to apply for one grant under the 2015 PAG application cycle. If awarded this grant, OSL may need to request additional Federal Fund expenditure limitation.

Sincerely,

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State Librarian