

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

House Committee on Rules

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Erin Seiler, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/11

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Reorganizes Oregon State Capitol Foundation as nonprofit corporation. Authorizes foundation to establish reasonably prudent funds and accounts and to engage in education and advice to promote policies and objectives of foundation. Directs Legislative Administrator to provide meeting space and administrative support to the foundation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon State Capitol Foundation (the foundation), created under ORS 173.500, was established within the legislative department. The foundation works collaboratively to create a living history, enhance the dignity and beauty of the Capitol, and foster cultural and educational opportunities.

The foundation is comprised of between nine and 25 voting members, which includes three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives. The remaining voting members are appointed by the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC).

The responsibilities of the foundation include making recommendations to LAC about renovations, repairs and addition to the Capitol; preserving the history of activities of state government that have occurred in the Capitol; enhancing and embellishing the Capitol in order to maintain the design and purpose of the building and adjacent areas; and soliciting and accepting gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources in the name of the foundation.

House Bill 2037 moves the foundation from being an entity within the legislative department to being its own nonprofit corporation on September 1, 2015.