



**Testimony on SB 472-A
Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
April 1, 2015
Fred Neal, Chair, Oregon State Capitol Foundation**

Summary

Increases maximum number of Pacific Wonderland license plates and dedicates proceeds to Oregon State Capitol Foundation and Oregon Historical Society

Good morning, Chair Hass and members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Fred Neal and I serve as Chair of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. I'm here today to urge your support of SB 472-A which comes to you with a unanimous vote from the Senate Business and Transportation Committee.

SB 472-A authorizes an additional 40,000 Pacific Wonderland plates with the proceeds to be evenly divided between the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and the Oregon Historical Society. The Foundation has used revenue from the initial 40,000 plates to launch the Oregon History Center which includes display cases and information kiosks located in the Galleria. In addition, a great deal of developmental work is in progress for educational and display materials to be used in the future.

The change you see in the A-Engrossed version will allow the Foundation to use proceeds from the license plates for general purposes in addition to the History Center, just as the Historical Society does now. We believe this change will help us do a better job of moving forward on the History Center goals, while at the same time benefitting the rest of the Foundation's responsibilities as laid out in ORS 173.500.

We have worked with Senator Johnson, the sponsor of the bill, as well as Foundation member Senator Ted Ferrioli, and with our Oregon Historical Society partner on this change.

I encourage you to send SB 472 to the floor with a do-pass recommendation and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.

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