



Testimony on HB 2037

**Senate Rules Committee
April 9, 2015**

Fred Neal, Chair, Oregon State Capitol Foundation

Good afternoon, Madame Chair, and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Fred Neal and I chair the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. I'm here today to urge your support of HB 2037. It comes to you from the House Rules Committee and House floor with unanimous votes of support.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the responsibilities and organizational structure of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

Foundation members will continue to be appointed by the Legislative Administration Committee and it will continue to have a close working relationship with the Legislative Administrator and his staff.

It establishes the Foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation which will streamline its accounting and funds processes.

Foundation members worked closely with Legislative Counsel on the modifications to the organizational structure as well as consulting with tax advisers who specialize in nonprofit groups.

OSCF provides valuable service to Oregon citizens through its care of this Building and the people and stories it represents.

I encourage you to send HB 2037 to the floor with a do-pass recommendation and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Thank you.

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