

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Rules**

**MEASURE: HB 2037**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Huffman**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/16/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/11, 03/16

**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Gilliam

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Reorganizes Oregon State Capitol Foundation (OSCF) as nonprofit corporation. Authorizes OSCF to establish reasonably prudent funds and accounts and to engage in education and advice to promote policies and objectives of OSCF. Directs Legislative Administrator to provide meeting space and administrative support to OSCF. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Responsibilities of OSCF
- Projects sponsored and supported by OSCF
- Efforts to bring more citizens to Capitol
- Reorganization of OSCF
- Importance of connecting Oregonians with Capitol Building, Oregon Legislature and democracy
- Ways to provide financial support and make donations
- Current organization of OSCF

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

OSCF 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 OSCF include making recommendations to LAC about renovations, repairs and additions 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.

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