

Analysis

Item 27: Military Department

Oregon Military Museum Library

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Increase the Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation by \$378,726 to construct the Withycombe Research Library within the Oregon Military Museum in Clackamas, Oregon.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommend the Military Department Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation be increased by \$378,726 in a capital construction bill during the 2018 legislative session, for construction of the Withycombe Research Library within the Oregon Military Museum in Clackamas, Oregon.

Analysis: The Oregon Military Museum is the official state repository for documents, artifacts, and military weapons relating to the military history of Oregon. Originally established in 1975 at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon, the museum has been closed to the public since 2009 while it is being relocated and consolidated into the former Clackamas Armory building at Camp Withycombe. The newly-renovated space will provide improved climate control and security for the museum collection, more room for exhibits, and a consolidated location for the 30,000-volume library and archives. The cost of the museum's construction, renovations, and new exhibits is currently estimated at \$16.8 million. The Oregon Military Museum Project (OMMP), an Oregon non-profit corporation, is responsible for raising public and private funds for the design and construction of the renovated museum.

A private donation of \$250,000 was recently received by the Oregon Military Museum Project for the design and construction of a research library in the new museum, bringing funds collected by the OMMP for that portion of the overall project to \$378,726. The Oregon Military Department requires additional expenditure limitation to receive and spend this amount on the research library. Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation for the Oregon Military Museum project was established by the Legislature in 2016. If approved, this donation would bring total available Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation for the military museum to \$1,104,689.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommend the Oregon Military Department Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation be increased by \$378,726 in a capital construction bill during the 2018 legislative session.

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Request: The Oregon Military Department (OMD) is requesting an increase of \$378,726 Other Funds Capital Construction expenditure limitation. This limitation will allow the agency to accept donations for the Withycombe Research Library being built for the Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon.

Recommendation: Approve the request during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Discussion: OMD is managing the Oregon Military Museum Project (OMMP) construction at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon. OMMP is a non-profit organization designed to raise funds to complete the construction and exhibits of the museum, as well as prepare for future operations.

The museum and its historic park will honor men and women who have served our state and the nation in our armed forces. Additionally, the new complex will provide a comprehensive educational resource for preserving and sharing our military history.

The majority of the expenditure limitation being requested includes a private donation of \$250,000. Coupled with other donations, this brings the overall design and construction for the research library piece of the project to \$378,726.

Upon approval of this request, the capital budget for this project will include \$1,250,000 General Fund, \$1,299,066 Other Funds (both Capital Constructions and Capital Improvement) expenditure limitation and \$2,705,641 Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The project's goal is to complete construction and exhibits over the next two years, according to the February 2017 website posting. The overall estimated costs associated with the project is \$16.8 million. The project has secured \$6.1 million and projects an additional \$10.7 million will be needed to complete the project.

Legal Reference: Increase Capital Construction Other Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 67, section (1)(2)(d), Oregon Law 2016, for the Oregon Military Department, Museum Project by \$378,726 for the 2017-19 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
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Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Military Department (OMD) requests an increase of \$378,726 in Other Funds Capital Construction limitation for the Oregon Museum to construct the Withycombe Research Library within the Museum located at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, Oregon.

Agency Action

OMD is concluding the conversion of the Clackamas Armory to the new Oregon Military Museum. The Withycombe family has donated \$250,000 to the Oregon Military Museum Project (OMMP), a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, for the design and construction of a research library within the museum. The OMMP would like to transfer the funds to OMD to conduct the design and construction. The OMMP has already transferred \$128,726 towards the library effort, bringing the total planned contribution to \$378,726. The agency is seeking legislative approval and limitation for this effort.

Action Requested

Increase Other Funds Capital Construction limitation for the Oregon Military Museum by \$378,726.

Legislation Affected

Section 1 (1)(d), Chapter 67, Oregon Laws 2016

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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