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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Policy Position SB 320: Oregon Military Museum

Clackamas County supports SB 320: The Board of County Commissioners supports SB 320, which provides state funding for the Oregon Military Museum.

Clackamas County is proud to host the only official military museum in Oregon, located within our industrial area between OR 212 and the newly-built Sunrise Expressway. The Museum represents all services of the citizens of Oregon, despite residing on a National Guard post, and contains 14,000 artifacts, 30,000 library volumes, and 750 cubic feet of documents dating back to the early 1860's.

With support from the state, the Oregon Military Department will initially use state funding to contract for the design, fabrication, and installation of displays for the Quartermaster Building. It is estimated that the complete artifact installation will cost \$5 million. Remaining funding is being raised by citizens of Oregon to complete the construction and artifact exhibits.

Clackamas County is excited to see continued growth and success of the Oregon Military Museum, which would serve as a compelling amenity for our community and a new educational facility for students and researchers. Moreover, it would encourage new visitors to our area and add to the many great features that already attract visitors to Clackamas County.

We urge a "yes" vote for SB 320.

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