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Chair, Representative Ann Lininger  
Vice-Chair, Representative Pam Marsh  
Vice-Chair, Representative David Brock Smith  
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade

**Re: Written Testimony in Support of HB 3139 with the -2 Amendment**

Dear Chair Lininger, Vice-Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Brock Smith and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB3139-2. I am resident of Bend, Oregon and a member of the High Desert Museum.

Last July, I was surprised to read in our local paper that the Oregon Arts Commission would no longer make funding available from grants to the High Desert Museum. A surprise because art is such an important reason that I enjoy the museum - from exhibits that feature art (like the recent exhibit of Ansel Adams photographs) to programs like "Cowgirl Poetry" to the Native American art. I consider the High Desert Museum to be my local art museum.

The opportunities to enjoy art of this quality are limited in Central Oregon, and the museum serves the population in a wide area. I have observed that visitors to the museum, especially children, who may come to see the otters, also appreciate the art that is so evident in the exhibits and grounds. While the museum hosts many visitors from outside the region, there are many programs that are designed to enrich the local population, especially children.

I support HB319-2 because it will allow the Oregon Arts Commission to continue to recognize and support the vital contribution that the High Desert Museum makes to arts in Central Oregon.

Thanks for your consideration of this bill.

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