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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: Support HB 3139 with the -2 Amendment

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

I am writing this email in support of HB3139-2. This bill specifically addresses the 1967 legislative intent of the Commission to fund organizations like the High Desert Museum in communities where access to arts is more limited than more urban areas of the State. It clarifies the definition of "art" and the work of museums as outlined by the National Endowment for the Arts. Without the clarification of this bill, organizations that have previously received funds from the Oregon Arts Commission will not be eligible for future funding and grant opportunities. If passed, the bill will have the Oregon Arts Commission addressing regional parity for access to the arts and parity in regional funding and provide the Commission clear guidelines.

I encourage your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Beem  
Trustee, High Desert Museum