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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

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

We have been long-time supporters of The High Desert Museum in Bend and I am honored to be a Life Trustee of the Museum.

Last year, the Oregon Arts Commission changed its eligibility criteria for its Operating Support Grant Program and its Arts Learning Grants Program and determined that arts institutions like The High Desert Museum are no longer eligible for funding. This decision slants arts grants toward the more populous parts of the state and away from rural parts, particularly eastern Oregon. The High Desert Museum arguably provides more art programs and more art education than any other non-profits in Central Oregon, yet is now ineligible to apply for grant funding from the Arts Commission. HB 3139 (with-2 amendment) will correct the problem. I urge your support.

Thank you for your service.



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