

# Heritage Commemorations

The Oregon Heritage Commission is directed to coordinate “statewide anniversary celebrations.” To be more inclusive in recognizing the impact of important historical events on all Oregonians, and to expand the types of events that can be recognized, HB 2081 changes the Heritage Commission direction to coordinating statewide anniversary “commemorations.”

## Sharing Oregon Stories, Commemorating Our Past



Consistent with the Oregon Heritage Plan, statewide anniversary celebrations educate the public about historic events, communicate the value of heritage across the state, and strengthen heritage tourism. This designation signifies official state recognition, which organizations find helpful in leveraging additional participation, collaborative partnerships, funding, and outreach. Moving from designating “celebrations” to “commemorations” creates valuable educational opportunities to increase our understanding of Oregon’s past.

Heritage Commission declared celebrations have included: Historic Columbia River Highway Centennial, Centennial of Birth of William Stafford, Centennial of Women’s Suffrage in Oregon, Pendleton Round-Up Centennial, Oregon Statehood Sesquicentennial, Treaty With Tribes of Middle Oregon Sesquicentennial, Walla Walla Treaty Council of 1855, Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial. Future Heritage Commission declared “commemorations” could include: anniversaries of Japanese Internment, anniversaries of the Oregon Trail, and Civil War related anniversaries.

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies language regarding Oregon Heritage Commission's coordination of statewide activities recognizing events of historical significance.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Oregon Heritage Commission duties; amending ORS 358.595.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 358.595 is amended to read:

358.595. (1) The Oregon Heritage Commission is the primary agency for coordination of heritage activities and shall coordinate its activities with public and private organizations that express an interest in the heritage of Oregon.

(2) The commission shall:

(a) Prepare and adopt an Oregon Heritage Plan to coordinate the identification, curation, restoration and interpretation of heritage resources.

(b) Increase efficiency and avoid duplication among the various interest groups that seek to preserve heritage resources.

(c) Pursuant to ORS 358.600, develop plans for coordination among agencies and organizations dedicated to preserving Oregon historical records.

(d) Coordinate a comprehensive inventory of state-owned cultural properties and make the inventory available to the public.

(e) In conjunction with the Oregon Business Development Department encourage tourism activities relating to heritage resources.

(f) Coordinate statewide anniversary [*celebrations*] **commemorations**.

(g) Coordinate statewide celebrations of Asian American Heritage Month.

**NOTE:** Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.