

HB 2081 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Action Date: 03/07/19
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 3-0-2-0
Yeas: 3 - Girod, Hass, Riley
Exc: 2 - Dembrow, Olsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirement for Oregon Heritage Commission to coordinate statewide anniversary celebrations to requirement to coordinate statewide anniversary commemorations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Value of commemorating events in Oregon history, like the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, that are not appropriate for celebration

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Heritage Commission (Commission) was established in 1995 to coordinate state heritage activities with interested organizations. The Commission creates and implements the Oregon Heritage Plan, coordinates with public and private organizations to preserve Oregon historical records, coordinates a comprehensive inventory of state-owned cultural properties, and partners with the Oregon Business Development Department to encourage tourism activities relating to heritage resources. The Commission also coordinates statewide anniversary celebrations, which signify official state recognition of events of historical significance, and serve to educate the public about these events and the value of heritage.

Past Commission celebrations include: 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, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial.

House Bill 2081 modifies the Oregon Heritage Commission's responsibilities from the coordination of statewide anniversary celebrations to statewide anniversary commemorations.