

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 37: Oregon Business Development Department Cultural Trust Administration**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$687,822, authorizing an increase of 0.50 FTE to an existing position, and decreasing General Fund by \$49,194 for the Oregon Business Development Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session to increase technical and service capacity related to administration of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

The passage of HB 3532 late in the 2023 legislative session removed the annual administrative spending cap of \$400,000 from the Trust for Cultural Development Account and replaced it with a statutory cap of up to 5% of the value of the Account. The change considers the impact of inflation, and results in additional funding being available for program operations, technical assistance, local cultural planning, and other cultural activity expenditures of the Oregon Cultural Trust. The recommendation also allows for more effective staffing of the Trust.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.