

## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### **Item 25: Oregon Business Development Department Cultural Trust Expenditures**

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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 heard a request from the Oregon Business Development Department to increase Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Trust for Cultural Development Account.

The Oregon Cultural Trust is funded through donor tax credits, special edition license plate proceeds, and interest earnings. The Oregon Business Development Department reports \$2.4 million in unanticipated donations and interest earnings, 60% of which may be made available to support grant and administrative expenditures. In addition, statute gives the Oregon Cultural Trust the authority to annually distribute up to an additional 5% of the value of the trust for operations and program expenditures. Increased Other Funds limitation will support an additional \$1.5 million for technical assistance and grants to cultural institutions, and \$3.9 million for administrative expenditures related to conferences, events, outreach, and temporary staff, some of which is associated with special events commemorating the Trust's 25th anniversary in 2026.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$5,367,756 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon

Business Development Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session for the Trust for Cultural Development Account grant and administrative expenditures.