

HB 2459 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Action Date: 03/14/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-1-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Bynum, Elmer, Lively, Morgan, Nguyen D, Osborne, Pham H, Ruiz, Walters

Nays: 1 - Diehl

Exc: 1 - Javadi

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$50,150,000 to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to distribute to Oregon cultural organizations in response to negative impact of COVID-19. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Specific venues referenced in the measure
- Supporting arts and culture
- How specific distribution amounts were considered

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adjusts distributions to be made by the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). Adds two venues to the independent venues list, replaces the division of appropriated funds to appropriate \$23,069,852.82 to specific cultural venues throughout the state, and requires OBDD establish a program to award \$26,930,147.18 in grants to eligible Oregon cultural organizations.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon cultural organization means a public or private entity, whether operated for profit or as a nonprofit organization, that: has its business headquarters, and operates primarily, in this state; operates primarily for the purpose of producing, promoting or presenting the arts, culture, humanities, heritage, or live cultural entertainment, other than adult entertainment, to the public; and operates as a public facility, performing arts organization, museum, historical site, visual arts organization, county fairgrounds, cultural entity within a federally recognized Indian tribe based in Oregon or community event organization; or produces cultural projects or programs for the public.

House Bill 2459 A appropriates \$50,150,000 to Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to distribute to Oregon cultural organizations in response to negative impact of COVID-19. The measure appropriates \$23,069,852.82 to specific cultural venues throughout the state and requires OBDD establish a program to award \$26,930,147.18 in grants to eligible Oregon cultural organizations. To be eligible for a grant, a cultural organization must demonstrate that between fiscal years 2020 and 2023 the organization had significant loss in earned revenue because of statewide mandates or guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.