

HB 3189



Support the arts. Strengthen Oregon.

For 17 years, Oregon's arts funding has stayed relatively flat, with the Oregon Arts Commission (OAC) receiving just \$4 million per biennium. As a result, Oregon's per capita public support for the arts ranks 39th in the nation. But we can change that!

Why increase arts funding?

By raising the OAC's budget to \$10 million, we can move Oregon's per capita ranking from 39th to 23rd—boosting investment from just \$0.51 to \$1.18 per person. This funding increase will ensure that Oregon's vibrant arts and culture continues to grow and thrive.

What will the budget increase support?

- Grant programs and services focused on arts organizations, urban and rural, across Oregon will ensure the arts are accessible and sustainable in all communities.
- Expanding the OAC from 9 to 11 members will diversify strategic voices from the arts and culture sectors, strengthening the cultural fabric of our state.

The arts are vital to Oregon's future

The arts do more than entertain—they drive innovation, economic prosperity, and foster stronger communities. An investment in Oregon's arts and creativity is an investment in every Oregonian.

The arts and culture sector pumps \$829 million into Oregon's economy each year, attracting 8.9 million attendees to live events. It's a powerhouse of economic impact and community engagement!

Help us move forward

We need to invest in the future of Oregon's arts and creativity. By increasing funding for the OAC, we can ensure that the arts remain a vital, flourishing part of our state's identity.

Let's make Oregon stronger—together!

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