

# Museum Subcommittee Report

Task Force on Oregon Cultural Items

June 4, 2025

# Current subcommittee members\*

As of May 22, 2025

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# Meeting notes

May 22, 2025

Museums in Oregon include non-profits, city/county/municipality-run institutions, tribal museums, and may include for-profits.

Subcommittee is not aware of language, statute, or precedent in Oregon to require compliance with TF.

Some MAY have supplied Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act summaries or inventories if they receive federal funds.



# Options for receiving surveys

(from non-state agency museums)

- Voluntary route. Letter from governor would request voluntary participation from museums.
- There is existing work to codify the TF. It could include language requiring museums to comply. It could also be a separate law, like CaINAGPRA, which requires different compliance, but fills in the gaps of NAGPRA.
- Require compliance through grant programs/contingent if the museum receives state funding of any kind



# Next steps

- Convene additional subcommittee members knowledgeable about Oregon museums: Katie Henry, OPRD; TBD, Oregon Museums Association board member.
- Danny drafts letter from Governor requesting voluntary compliance
- Nicole to research how to identify museums to receive letter/communication

