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INDEPENDENCE, Oregon – The Independence Heritage Museum is hosting an exhibit from the Oregon Historical Society. *Oregon's Landmark Legislation* is a 16-panel display highlighting groundbreaking legislation that Oregon has passed since achieving statehood.

Arranged chronologically, the panels present legislation that focuses on environmental, social, and land-use issues. Highlighted legislation includes the Bottle Bill, Family Leave Act, Oregon Cultural Trust, Death with Dignity Act and more. The exhibit is viewable at the museum from October 11 through November 30, 2022.

Oregon has repeatedly led the nation in creating, revising, and implementing laws shaping the quality of life of its citizens.

While Oregon's innovations have evoked controversy, they have charted the course for other states and nations. The legislation noted in the exhibit has been passed by politicians, legislative action, or public initiative. In addition to being on display at the library, exhibit panels may also be viewed online at ohs.org/exhibits/.

Oregon's Landmark Legislation is fourth exhibit on loan from the Oregon Historical Society since the museum re-opened in its new location in April. Due to a generous sponsorship from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation the exhibit's shipment to the museum and rental cost are fully covered.

Admission to the Heritage Museum is always free, and generations are gratefully accepted. The museum is open Tuesday – Thursday 10AM -6PM, Friday & Saturday 10AM – 6PM4PM, and closed Sunday & Monday.

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Mission: The mission of the Heritage Museum is to collect and share the natural history and diverse cultural heritage of the river community of Independence.