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To: House Revenue Committee  
From: Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Senate District 23  
Date: June 21, 2013

**Re: Testimony in Support of Cultural Trust Tax Credit**

Chair Barnhart and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for taking the time today to consider the Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credit, and for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this tax credit.

The Oregon Cultural Trust is a valuable institution in our State. By investing in our arts, heritage, and humanities, the Cultural Trust strengthens our communities and economy. The mission of the Oregon Cultural Trust is: "to enhance the lives of Oregonians by implementing a sustainable public-private integrated cultural funding program that will support, stabilize and protect Oregon culture; the humanities, heritage and the arts. The Trust will expand public awareness of, quality of, access to and use of culture in Oregon."

In a time where funding for arts education is constantly dwindling, it is important to renew this tax credit and support the work of the Cultural Trust. The Trust invests in and nurtures the 1,300 cultural nonprofits that deliver arts, heritage and humanities programming in every county of Oregon, making the Trust a unique and valuable institution in our State.

As one of two Legislators appointed to serve on the board of the Oregon Cultural Trust, I urge you to support renewing this important tax credit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Dingfelder".

Jackie Dingfelder  
Senate District 23