



cultural **advocacy** coalition

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Re: HB 5030

Representative Read, Senator Girod and Members of the Capital Constructions Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

The Cultural Advocacy Coalition supports public investment in Oregon's cultural infrastructure. Public partnership in the growth of the cultural sector supports economic development that is in line with Oregonians' values and enriches our communities.

Cultural infrastructure projects invite the state to invest in a sector that contributes to a vital, diverse Oregon economy, a strong Oregon Brand nationally and internationally, and a healthier, more connected experience of community life here at home.

Therefore we encourage support and inclusion of \$6.75 million in capital construction funding in HB 5030 for the following arts and culture infrastructure projects: Oregon Public Broadcasting; the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; PHAME; and the Portland Japanese Garden.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

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