



February 9, 2019

House Committee on Economic Development
State Capitol
Salem, OR

Subject: SB 2052, Oregon Cultural Trust extension

Dear Committee Members,

The board of the Driftwood Library Foundation of Lincoln City urges your support to extend the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit. Serving the population of our rural coastal community, cultural institutions like us have limited resources to bring opportunities to our audience.

The Oregon Cultural Trust is a creative way to support nonprofits like us. First, the incentive is for the citizen to give monetary support to our organization. Second, their match to the Trust offsets their own state income tax due. This approach makes it a taxpayer's decision. The tax credit provides funds to the Trust to administer additional financial grant support in a variety of ways: statewide, regional, and tribal grants. The Trust's focus is cross-functional of arts, culture, and literary programs. These regional and area focused grants allow vital support for small groups and all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Driftwood Library Foundation of Lincoln City board of directors

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