



February 12, 2019

House Committee on Economic Development

RE: **Support for SB 2052**, Oregon Cultural Trust - to extend the sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account (for 10 years).

Dear Committee Members,

Restore Oregon works statewide to preserve, reuse, and pass forward the historic places that make our communities livable and sustainable. On behalf of our supporters, we urge you to vote in favor of SB 2052 to extend the tax credit for contributions to the Oregon Cultural Trust for ten years.

As both a supporter and beneficiary of the Oregon Cultural Trust, we have seen the incredible reach and impact of its work. Grants received from OCT by Restore Oregon have supported our efforts to save scores of Oregon Most Endangered Places and to help thousands of citizens get the help they need to restore and repurposed historic buildings in their communities.

Success stories range from the Pioneer-era Ermatinger House or the Shipley-Cook Barn in the Willamette Valley; to the Egyptian Theater in Coos Bay, the Vale Hotel, and the Jantzen Beach Carousel. The work of Restore Oregon has received essential support from the Cultural Trust – and there is so much more work still to do!

As you know, our unique heritage, expressed in art, music, theater, and embodied in our historic homes, buildings, churches, theaters, barns, bridges, and Main Street, is a priceless economic asset. Your continued investment in Oregon Cultural Trust will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peggy Moretti
Executive Director