

House Committee on Economic Development
RE: SB 2052, Oregon Cultural Trust
Extends sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development
Account.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the Lincoln City Cultural Center in support of SB 2052 to extend the sunset on the tax credit for contributions.

When the LCCC first took over the historic Delake School on Highway 101 in the center of Lincoln City, the grants that we received from the Cultural Trust were pivotal in preparing the building to serve as the home of the Cultural Center. In the intervening years, we have grown amazingly! We currently host over 340 events annually from live opera to loopers and humanities to children's theatre. I can tell you unabashedly that we are the center of arts and culture in north Lincoln County. We take great pride in the number of constituents whose lives we are able to touch in so many significant ways!

As we look outward and ahead at our plans to convert our former grade school campus into a modern cultural plaza, once again it is the Cultural Trust assisting at each turn, providing technical assistance and design grants so that we will be prepared to kick off our capital campaign in May.

The positive effect that the tax credit gives to the Cultural Trust and their ability to affect this kind of positive change throughout our great state cannot be over-emphasized.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information for your consideration.

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