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House Committee on Economic Development

RE: HB 2052, Oregon Cultural Trust

Extends sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account.

Dear Committee Members,

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is one of five state-wide partners of the Oregon Cultural Trust and annually receives funds distributed by the Trust. The funds have been used to support preservation efforts including:

- **Grants for historic building restoration:** The Diamonds in the Rough Grant program has been largely funded by Oregon Cultural Trust dollars since its inception in 2012. Façade restoration funds have been provided for 39 projects across the state.



Recent Diamonds in the Rough project in Lebanon.

- **Art in the Parks:** Funded mini projects to engage people in the arts while enjoying state parks.
- **Support for the UO digital newspaper project:** Provided funding as match to a large federal grant that kick-started this invaluable statewide resource.

Additionally, the County and Tribal Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust Statewide Development grants have proven track records of preserving historic properties throughout the state.

Finally, regular meetings with the Trust's State-wide Partners provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, coordinate programs, and support one another's work, strengthening the cultural network of the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony with you.

Sincerely,

  
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