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To: Oregon House Committee on Economic Development

Re: The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) supports the passage of HB2052

Dear Committee Members,

NAO is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization representing not only our 1,300 Oregon nonprofit organizations and affiliate members, but the charitable sector broadly. Our members are located across the state and come from all areas that serve our communities, including education, health and human services, the arts and culture, and environmental protection. NAO's mission is to strengthen the collective voice, leadership and capacity of Oregon nonprofits to enrich the lives of all Oregonians. More information about our programs and services can be found at www.nonprofitoregon.org.

The public, private, and the nonprofit sector work together throughout Oregon to create and maintain our vibrant civil society. We elevate our communities and we address the unmet needs of our citizens together. A vital part of the nonprofit sector are those organizations that bring beauty and joy to our communities. NAO fully support the extension of the sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account for ten years. The Trust funds help community organizations impact the lives of all Oregonians.

NAO believes that HB 2052 provides an important extension to a critical funding mechanism for arts and culture organizations, many of whom operate with all volunteers or minimal staff to implement their missions. The extension made through this bill will assist nonprofits in their vital missions and bring beauty and culture to Oregon communities.

NAO supports the passage of HB2052.

James White, Executive Director