

March 25, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

From: James Gorter, Southwest Portland resident

Re: Testimony on SB927 Committee Hearing, March 26, 2019

I support SB927 and its goal of historic preservation. Just as Oregon's farms, forests, mountains and coastlines define who we are as a state, so do our urban environments. Historic structures and districts are pieces of our heritage that are fully worthy of preservation and celebration.

SB927 repeals ORS197,772 and allows locally designated programs encouraging preservation.

SB927 retains protection for existing districts under the National Register.

I oppose the -2 amendment. It completely guts the intent of SB927.