



April 1, 2019

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Brian Ferriso, The Marilyn H. and Dr. Robert B. Pamplin Jr. Director and Chief Curator of the Portland Art Museum, located at 1219 SW Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205. Please accept this written testimony as full support for HB 2132, Oregon Cultural Trust extending the sunset for the tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account for six years.

The Cultural Trust's matching gift program positively impacts the Museum through more, and larger donations. The support we receive has state-wide reach, as the Museum and NW Film Center welcomes patrons and school groups from all corners of the state. We are also gratified to know that individuals and families from around the state are Museum members. One example of the impact of the support received from the Cultural Trust is the 2013 Carrie Mae Weems exhibition. The critically acclaimed artist Mickalene Thomas credits the exhibition here in Portland with giving her the encouragement she needed to pursue art. The Cultural Trust historically supports exhibitions, which have great impact locally and regionally, with thoughtful community partnerships further extending understanding and reach.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and for continuing to support art in our state.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Ferriso
The Marilyn H. and
Dr. Robert B. Pamplin Jr. Director
Chief Curator