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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 48, SB 927-3, and SB 929

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

I am in support of SB 48, to extend the historic property special assessment program. This bill helps to protect Oregon Historic Cultural resources, and should continue indefinitely.

I am in support of SB 927-3 the Public Participation and Preservation Act. This act will support local governments in promoting Oregon Goal 5 with regards to preservation of historic properties in the State. Even though Oregon is the end of the Oregon Trail and is rich in historic resources, it trails in preservation standards. This act will bring Oregon standards up to date at the local level, and be consistent with land use planning procedures.

Finally, I am in support of SB 929, the Preservation, Housing, and Seismic Safety Act. This act will provide incentives for private companies and individuals to preserve Oregon's treasures for future generations. I can think of a couple local projects where these kind of tax incentives could make the difference between a historic landmark languishing, versus being adaptively rehabilitated, and reused. Also as someone personally interested in buying and rehabilitating historic structures, these incentives will allow me to buy and restore properties that otherwise I would not be able to justify economically. Rehabilitation of existing structures saves resources, promotes Oregon culture, and provides a sense of time and place for future generations.

Thank you for your time,

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