

June 1, 2021

House Committee on Revenue  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon

RE: HB2447 Supporting the extension of Special Assessment for historic properties

Dear Committee Members:

Special Assessment of historic properties has been an effective preservation tool in Astoria. It is used by both commercial and residential property owners to rehabilitate their buildings. The aesthetics of saving a historic building is a worthy endeavor. But preservation also supports craftspeople, a diversity of housing, and downtown commercial districts. Recycling buildings is also good for the environment.

Without Special Assessment, Oregon will not retain any state incentive for historic preservation. It will become more difficult – particularly for homeowners – to invest in the repair and restoration of their buildings.

Please retain Special Assessment of historic properties.

Thank you.

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