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To: Senate Rules Committee

From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon

Re: Public Records, Respecting Tribal Interests (HB 2112 A)

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Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

Respecting Tribal Interests in Public Records Retention

Common Cause appreciates this step toward making Oregon state government more collaborative with its Tribal government counterparts and more consistently respectful of Tribal interests in its public records retention practices. Thank you to Gov. Brown, the Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items, the Secretary of State and State Archives, and all the Tribal Liaisons whose leadership and work led to this bill. We fully endorse this proposal.