

March 3, 2023

Senator Katie Lieber, Chair & Committee Members Senate Committee on Rules Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St, NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB2112A

Senator Lieber and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill (HB) 2112A which the Committee will consider on March 7, 2023. The ability of any statute to be effective in large part depends on its applicability to the world we work in and its ability to be understood by the agencies meant to administer the law and the public at large. Periodically reviewing and updating our laws to make sure they are understandable in plain language is critical and HB2112A helps our public records law be understood.

In addition, it is critical that our public records law recognize, appreciate, and include the voices and archives and stories of all Oregonians. Intentionally calling out tribal culture and heritage is essential for effective records management and preservation.

Thank you for your work on behalf of all Oregonians, thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Scott Stauffer

City Recorder