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Measure: HB3532

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Co-Chairs, Aaron Woods and David Gomberg
Joint Subcommittee on Transportation and
Economic Development
Oregon State Legislature

RE: HB 3532, Trust for Cultural Development Administrative Cap Change

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Committee Members,

My name is Catherine Rickbone, a resident of Newport and a volunteer for the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition for 15+ years. Recently, as the executive director of the Oregon Coast Council of the Arts (OCCA) now retired and as an arts advocate. (Over the years, I have served as Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and currently, Secretary.)

I'm writing to you today in support of HB 3532, a revenue neutral bill to change the administrative spending cap of the Trust for Cultural Development (dba The Oregon Cultural Trust – OCT). Our Lincoln County Cultural Coalition supports this bill which will enable the Trust to better serve grantees through deeper organizational capacity.

The Lincoln County Cultural Coalition is an active entity of the Trust in redistributing grant funds throughout the county to arts, heritage and humanities organizations, including libraries, museums, schools and nonprofit performing, visual and literary arts organizations.

Ever hear of: "Library Cultural Pass for Aquarium Admission" for low-income families?

Ever hear of: "Music Is Instrumental" instrument repair?

Ever hear of: "Conexion Fenix" folk dance troupe teachers?

Ever hear of: "Coastal Act Productions" and scenic projections for Wizard of Oz that played for

three weekends plus served over 1,000 Lincoln County youth during weekdays?

Ever hear of: "Polly Plumb Productions" and open mic nights?

These initiatives and more happen year after year, from east to west, from north to south in Lincoln County. All because of the Oregon Cultural Trust. We believe greater administrative and technical support from the Trust can help us better serve our rural communities.

I strongly urge your support for HB 3532. Thank you for the opportunity to hear directly from us in the field about the important work of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Catherine Rickbone, Secretary
Lincoln County Cultural Coalition