



March 29, 2023

Rep Janelle Bynum, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

RE: **SUPPORT HB 3532 – Administrative Cap Change to Trust for Cultural Development**

Dear Chair Bynum and Committee Members,

Restore Oregon would like to express our **strong support for HB 3532**, a much needed technical upgrade in the administrative spending cap of the Trust for Cultural Development (or Oregon Cultural Trust). As a revenue neutral bill, this revision will certainly have a significant positive impact by enabling the small team at the Oregon Cultural Trust (OCT) to better serve grantees, like Restore Oregon, through deeper organizational capacity.

As Oregon's only statewide non-profit historic preservation organization, Restore Oregon works with thousands of people across the state each year to preserve, reuse, and pass forward the historic places and spaces that embody Oregon's diverse cultural heritage. By helping our fellow citizens preserve our state's unique built, natural and cultural environments, we help celebrate and promote much of what makes Oregon special.

We are especially appreciative of how effective this enterprise is that operates Oregon's unique entity focused on uplifting and supporting the arts/culture/heritage nonprofit sector. As a long-time grant recipient, and as director of a statewide nonprofit whose work depends upon collaboration and partnerships, OCT has been one of our north stars. The amazing work of this team is a key ingredient in the glue that keeps us all together. We are barely hanging in there in this slow recovery from the pandemic. We all NEED them to have the enhanced capacity to have the continued and enhanced ability to help all of us recover and thrive.

The original administrative cap of \$400,000 needs to be modernized to keep pace with the current demands and needs of Oregon's cultural organizations, the 45 county and tribal coalitions, and the five statewide agency partners currently supported.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3532 and for taking Restore Oregon's comments into consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Possert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Possert
Executive Director