

2023 Legislative Agenda

Bills We Support

☎ (503)243-1923

✉ info@restoreoregon.org

🌐 www.restoreoregon.org

About Restore Oregon

Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a statewide, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supported by members/donors, led by a volunteer board, and staffed by professionals who help people save and revitalize historic places. We work on the front lines and behind the scenes to leverage relationships, resources, and creativity to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places and spaces that reflect Oregon's diverse cultural heritage and make our communities inclusive, vibrant, liveable and sustainable.

Financial Incentives for Preservation

- **HB 2079** -- LRO to study the potential of implementing a tax credit and direct grant program to encourage preservation of historic properties.
- **SB 149** -- Extends the sunset for the historic property special assessment program to 2031. This program is currently the only preservation incentive for the State.

Cultural Funding

- **HB 2459** -- One time appropriation of \$50m to distribute to Oregon cultural organizations in response to negative impact and long-term recovery from pandemic on organizational finances. Business Oregon's Oregon Cultural Trust.
- **HB 2498** -- Creates Cultural Impact Program with one time \$200m bond investment to provide ongoing grants through county/tribal coalitions of the Oregon Cultural Trust
- **HB 3532** -- Changes the administrative spending cap of the Trust for Cultural Development (Oregon Cultural Trust) to support and build capacity. Revenue neutral bill.
- **SB 5527/HB 5030** -- supports budget for Oregon Heritage Division (within State Parks) specifically \$10m for grants for Oregon Main Streets
- Endorsed **Capital Project Requests** from Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon (CACO) -- support all 17 projects with extra call out of support for:
 - **Oregon Caves & Chateau** (request \$455,690). This is one of just 17 National Historic Landmarks in Oregon and was a Restore Oregon Most Endangered Place in 2016.
 - **Medford History Center** (request \$500,000)
 - **Center for Native Arts & Culture** (request \$3 m)