

Submitter: Stephanie Whitlock

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures

Measure: HB2079

The Bosco-Milligan Foundation/Architectural Heritage Center, a non-profit historic preservation organization for the Portland metro area, supports HB 2079, which would enact the study of alternative approaches to incentivizing the reuse and preservation of historic resources. Oregon established the Special Assessment of Historic Property Program early on in 1975, but today it remains the state's only historic preservation incentive. The study encompassed in HB 2079 would give this incentive closer evaluation to strengthen it, and it would also help identify other possible incentives to work alongside the Special Assessment program, such as a state tax credit. Please take this opportunity to thoroughly consider the range of options available to encourage historic preservation. We urge you to vote in support of HB 2079 to help Oregon find the right tools to further the preservation of our state's important built and cultural heritage. Thank you.