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Identity of place - a small phrase with huge implications. Preserving our identity, our culture, our uniqueness is vital to the wellness of communities and locales. When we lose our identity, that essence that makes us special, we lose a foothold in our history, which reverberates not only on morale at a local level, but nationally we become forgotten. COVID-19 shifted the narrative of Oregon - a narrative we are still attempting to gain control back over. This bill could help bring to the forefront the multitude of identities in Oregon that should be spotlighted and celebrated once again. This can help communities find pride, and show to the nation that Oregon is, and always will continue to be, resilient.