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Please!!!! Make it more cost efficient for businesses to restore historic buildings rather than tear them down. Our communities need these buildings. They add a wealth of character, beauty, and identity to our towns and cities—something new construction simply cannot replicate. Historic buildings tell the stories of the people who came before us, and they connect generations through shared memory and place.

Restoring these structures is not just about preserving the past—it's about investing in the future. Rehabilitation projects create more local jobs than new construction, boost heritage tourism, and support sustainable development by reducing demolition waste and the environmental cost of building new. But too often, the financial burden of restoration puts these projects out of reach, making demolition the cheaper, easier path.

HB 3190A is a vital step toward changing that. By creating incentives that support the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings, this bill empowers communities to retain their unique character and supports small business owners and developers who want to do the right thing.

Please pass HB 3190A and help ensure that Oregon's irreplaceable historic structures remain standing, inspiring, and economically viable for generations to come.

Thank you.