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House Committee on Economic Development
RE: HB 2052, Oregon Cultural Trust

Dear Committee members:

As Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society, I am proud to write in strong support of legislation extending the sunset for the tax credit for contributions to the Trust for Cultural Development Account for ten years.

The Oregon State Legislature made history in 2001 when it created the Oregon Cultural Trust, as no other state ever provided a 100% tax credit to inspire cultural giving. For the past eighteen years, the Trust has served as an ongoing funding engine for arts and culture in every corner of our state. As was the case with the "Beach Bill" and the "Bottle Bill," the legislation creating the Oregon Cultural Trust has proven to be one of those uniquely Oregon innovations that make life better for all our citizens.

Renewing the tax credit for another ten years is a "win-win" for all Oregonians, as it will continue to allow countless citizens to demonstrate how important culture is to the Oregon way of life.

Thank you for your service to the state, and, as always, please let me know if I can be of help.

Best regards,

Kerry Tymchuk
Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society