

Chetco Historical Memorial Project

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Testimony to and in reference to:

House Committee on Economic Development

RE: HB 2132, Oregon Cultural Trust

Extends sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account.

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Dear Committee Members,

I am the President of the Chetco Historical Memorial Project, a non-profit whose mission is to protect the remains of a historic Chetco Indian village in Brookings, Oregon by creating a historical marker there. This is a unique, place-based project in a small town and will be the first interpretive site on the Oregon Coast that shares the story of an Oregon tribe at the very site of their ancestral village. It will provide a rare educational opportunity there and will impact future generations' valuing of Native American history and culture. Our project would not be possible without the support of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

I encourage you to extend the sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development Account for six years. The Oregon Cultural Trust has played a key role in preserving Native American history and culture on the Oregon Coast. It takes commitment and vision to look at an unused lot and see a gathering place, or to imagine a needed program that does not yet exist, but this important work is worth the effort. The Oregon Cultural Trust is helping communities all over the state do this work. Your commitment to support state cultural projects will powerfully impact future communities of Oregonians, ensuring that both rural and urban areas have the opportunity to preserve and grow culture. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

With Much Gratitude,

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