

SILETZ TRIBAL ARTS AND HERITAGE SOCIETY

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January 27, 2023
The Honorable Rep. Janelle Bynum, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business
900 Court St. NE, H-276
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Rep. Bynum,

I am writing to you to voice my support for HB 2459. Arts and cultural organizations are a vital part of who we are as a people, as Oregonians.

HB 2459 provides \$50 million in funds to support the continued recovery and reinvention of the arts and culture sector.

Our mission at the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society – where I serve as Board of Directors Chair – is to support and promote the practice, conservation and restoration of the tribal cultures of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians were terminated for more than 20 years. A generation of tribal cultural transmission was lost. As a consequence, we have found that cultural outreach is critical to our survival and healing as a people. For three years Covid adversely effected our ability to provide any sort of outreach.

I urge your support for HB 2459 which will provide funding to continue the recovery of Oregon's arts and culture sector.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society

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