



# The Dolphin Players

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The Honorable Dacia Grayber  
Chair, House Committee on Emergency  
Management, General Government and Veterans  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, Oregon. 97301

**RE: HB 2498, Creation of the Cultural Impact Program**

Dear Chair Grayber and Committee Members:

Thank you for scheduling HB 2498, a bill to create the Cultural Impact Program, for early consideration in the current legislative session. This bill would create additional revenue for the Oregon Cultural Trust, an agency which has provided our theater company support in the past.

We operate the Dolphin Playhouse which is sited in an economically disadvantaged area in Coos Bay. Not only do we produce six productions a year, we offer an affordable venue for local and visiting performance artists, the only small performing arts venue in the Coos Bay area. We serve as the cultural and community center for the Empire community, partner with other arts and culture groups, and work with local tribes to produce a local history show that is culturally appropriate.

Without the support of the Oregon Cultural Trust and its affiliated Coos County Cultural Trust, we would probably not have survived COVID and would definitely not be as well-equipped as we are. Our story is duplicated throughout the state of Oregon, where many arts nonprofits are able to continue to meet our missions because of the assistance of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Most people understand that the arts are critically important to thriving, healthy communities, and we urge you to recognize the role played by the arts by providing the Oregon Cultural Trust with the additional funding the sale of lottery bonds would provide.

Sincerely,

Alice Carlson  
Managing Director  
Dolphin Playhouse

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