

Representative Virgle Osborne
House Committee on Economic Development
and Small Business
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon. 97301

RE: HB 3532, Trust for Cultural Development Administrative Cap Change

Dear Representative Osborne:

I am writing in support of HB 3532, a revenue neutral bill to change the administrative spending cap of the Trust for Cultural Development (dba The Oregon Cultural Trust – OCT). Douglas County’s Cultural Coalition (DCCC) supports efforts of the OCT to assist grantees further develop local resources.

As a resource for Douglas County, we are committed to honoring the creative and cultural heritage of our region. We recognize how organizations unique to small towns enrich its citizens. Through our local grant making process, DCCC ensures that rural communities are supported and represented.

One example is the Elkton Community Education Center. Not only does its programs bring Douglas County’s heritage to life, they provide economic benefits to Elkton via tourists traveling to and from the coast.

DCCC is made up of volunteers, such as myself, who work fulltime but are committed to preserving, protecting and developing arts, heritage and humanities in Douglas County. The ability of the OCT to provide additional technical support will benefit citizens of Douglas County by strengthening our capacity to fulfill our mission.

Through the annual grants we receive from the OCT, we are able to assist over twenty local cultural organizations each year. Passing HB 3532 will provide an additional \$400,000 investment into local county coalitions and will enhance our ability to support traditionally under-resourced projects.

Douglas County’s Cultural Coalition is where nature and creativity meet. This juncture provides economic, educational and personal enrichment benefits to our county. However, this work needs tools and resources, such as your support of HB 3532 will provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to share how vital the work of the Oregon Cultural Trust is to the lives of Douglas County residents.

Sincerely,



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Douglas County Cultural Coalition