



February 6, 2024

Honorable Janelle Bynum, Chair
Honorable Ed Diehl and Daniel Nguye, Vice Chairs and Committee Members
House committee and Economic Development and Small Business
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB 4124 – FUNDING FOR ARTS/CULTURE/HERITAGE & CAPITAL PROJECTS

On behalf of the over 8,000 supporters of the Architectural Heritage Center, we urge your support of HB 4124. It will accomplish great good in communities across the state. As you know, the arts/culture/heritage sector provides far more than cultural enrichment, it is a major creator of jobs and an economic driver.

The Architectural Heritage Center, which is owned and operated by the Bosco-Milligan Foundation, is still working to overcome the effects of the pandemic which drastically reduced our income. The \$27 million in funding will enable hundreds of worthy organizations like ours to invest in new programming and operational infrastructure that is urgently needed.

We also support capital funding for the 14 projects remaining on the Cultural Resources Economic Fund (CREF) slate – an investment that will benefit communities for decades.

The relatively modest investment proposed in HB 4124 will provide an outsized uplift.

Thank you -

Peggy Moretti
Int. Executive Director

Denyse McGriff
President, Board of Directors



About the AHC:

Our goal is to empower people to discover and preserve Portland’s historic and culturally significant places. We envision that, through our programs, people across Portland embrace preservation and reuse as a key component in creating equitable, livable, and sustainable communities. We strive to foster:

STEWARDSHIP: Ensure that future generations inherit the buildings and spaces that reflect their roots, tell our story, and create a meaningful sense of place.

INCLUSION: Celebrate and support the full spectrum of Portland’s cultural diversity in our work, and in our organization.

LIVABILITY: Champion the fact that retaining and repurposing existing buildings is the fastest way to create housing without losing the walkability, cultural identity, and grace of our neighborhoods.

SUSTAINABILITY: Buildings are our biggest renewable resource. Restoration and reuse plays an essential role in our fight to lower carbon emissions and reduce landfill waste.