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Honorable Kathleen Taylor, Chair
Honorable Daniel Bonham, Vice Chairs and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Labor and Business
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support SB 1582 – Arts/Culture/Heritage Funding for Capital and Resiliency

I urge you to support SB 1582 that will fund the 14 projects remaining on the Cultural Resources Economic Fund (CREF) slate. This provides funding to the arts/culture/heritage sector.

Under SB 1582 the slate of CREF will also be a significant boost for capital projects regarding Historic Preservation efforts state wide. One of those that I personally have been following is The Chateau at the Oregon Caves that is one of the National Park “Great Lodges” and a National Historic Landmark. Friends of the Chateau at the Oregon Caves have worked for years with the National Park Service to restore the Chateau. Theirs is a measure of total commitment to see this historic site restored to welcome the public. They have written grants, held fundraisers and sought individual’s donations to achieve their goal. The funds raised have been used to start the restoration. During these efforts other structural issues were discovered relating to any future seismic events. So the restoration plans have been put on hold until the “Friends” can address these new issues. Though the NPS has supported this effort they cannot cover these costs. This is one reason why this bill is so crucial.

SB 1582 will help so many efforts. Please put your support behind this bill.

Thank you.
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