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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3190

I support HB 3190 and urge your support. Please pass this bill.

HB 3190 brings back important incentives to keep, upgrade and preserve historic urban fabric. It fights blight in neighborhoods by allowing residents to do the right things with their properties. It promotes economic activity, both in design, construction, and renovation, but also by investing in communities, making neighborhoods cleaner, safer and more active.

This bill would bring back a program that helps invest in our state's historic properties and ensure they are renovated and maintained responsibly. It would offer commercial properties a specially assessed value (calculated by the county assessor) for a ten-year benefit term exchange for making appropriate improvements to the historic property. It would be administered by the Oregon Historic Preservation Office, a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation, who can readily administer this new version as they are still managing the former program's enrolled properties.

This bill supports underutilized properties in-situ in communities. It is especially helpful to otherwise underserved communities to bring neighborhoods into compliance with modern resiliency measures.

Help strengthen communities across the State by reinstating HB 3190.