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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3190

As a small business owner and preservation consultant, I strongly support this bill, and hope that you will support it as well. HB3190 has been crafted to provide a much-needed lifeline for commercial properties that are being adapted to a new use, seismically upgraded, made accessible through new lifts or elevators, or other basic and critical- but expensive- rehabilitation work. These older buildings in our main streets and commercial areas across the state provide a source of pride and belonging, and the rehabilitation work is almost always more locally based and employs more smaller businesses than new construction work. Oregon, as one of the handful of states without a state historic preservation tax credit program, needs this special assessment program more than ever. Please vote in support of HB 3190.  
Kristen Minor, past Portland Historic Landmarks Commission chair