

January 27, 2025

To: House Committee On Revenue
Chair Nathanson
Vice-Chair Reschke
Vice-Chair Walters

Re: Support for HB 3190 Relating to Seismic Rehabilitation Memorial Plaques for
Schools

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke and Vice-Chair Walters,

I support passage of HB 3190 re-enacting the Special Assessment for Historic Property program. As an architect on the Northern Oregon Coast, I worked on historic preservation projects in Astoria that benefitted from the program. I saw first hand how the program contributed to the renaissance of Astoria's Downtown and Astoria's economic resurgence.

I am especially pleased that the bill now includes language that preservation plans required for funding can now include seismic improvements. Historic buildings, especially unreinforced masonry buildings, are a key element of many Oregon's historic downtowns or business districts. Seismic upgrades will help save lives, livelihoods, and the livability of Oregon's communities.

Sincerely,



Jay Raskin, FAIA
Past Chair of OSSPAC
Chair of Restore Oregon's 2012 Special Report: Resilient Masonry Building: Saving Lives, Livelihoods, and the Livability of Oregon's Historic Downtowns.

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