

January 27, 2025

Re: Support for HB 3190

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Committee Members,

Reestablishing Special Assessment for commercial buildings will bring economic development through the repurposing of underutilized buildings within Oregon's downtowns. In Astoria, we used Special Assessment, with other financial incentives, to pull our commercial properties from decaying structures to desirable, locations for affordable housing and new businesses. Historic financial incentives, like Special Assessment, are needed to continue that work. Please support this bill so that Astoria, as well as other communities throughout the state, can invest in their existing infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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