

Submitter: Ted Coopman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3190

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Committee Members, I urge the House Revenue Committee to support HB 3190 which reauthorizes a version of Oregon's longtime Special Assessment for Historic Properties program. I support offering 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. So much of historic downtown Eugene has been lost due to misguided urban renewal and redevelopment and the result is a once thriving urban core in decline. Once it is gone it is gone forever. Preservation is always the greenest option. Architecture is less wood, brick, and steel and more cultural information that anchors us to our collective past. It is worth saving.

Sincerely,

Ted M. Coopman

Chair, Jefferson Westside Neighbors

Member, Jefferson Westside Historic District Taskforce

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