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As Oregon's only statewide non-profit historic preservation organization, Restore Oregon works with thousands of people across the state each year to reimagine and transform their communities through the preservation and reuse of historic and cultural places. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and equitable Oregon where historic preservation and reuse are crucial to solving problems like revitalizing our struggling downtowns. By helping our fellow citizens preserve our state's unique built, natural and cultural environments, we help celebrate and promote much of what makes Oregon unique and so special.

We enthusiastically support HB 3377 as the new James Beard Public Market will restore two significant historic commercial buildings in downtown Portland, energizing and activating a public market for the region. This project will connect the past history of Portland's vibrant market history while reimagining historic buildings for the present and future. It's a key part of the revitalization of downtown Portland.