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On Behalf Of: Elsinore Theatre
Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3191

Please accept this as my testimonial in support of HB3191, which designates \$9.325 million for capital investment in 14 arts and culture projects through the Cultural Resources Economic Fund (CREF).

A thriving arts and culture scene plays an essential role in fostering innovation, community engagement, and economic development. Support of these 14 projects is an investment of both economic and cultural significance that will contribute to job creation, encourage tourism, and enhance the attractiveness of Oregon as a destination for both creatives and businesses.

Personally, I have witnessed this impact first-hand as both an employee of an arts venue, and a businesswoman publishing an independent arts and culture magazine and website. Arts and culture contribute to an improved quality of life. They help strengthen local economies and support a more diverse and resilient economy overall.

House Bill 3191 represents a strategic investment in Oregon's long-term prosperity, ensuring that the arts continue to be a vital part of the state's economic and cultural fabric. I encourage our lawmakers to support HB3191—it is a meaningful investment in the arts and culture in communities across our state.

Sincerely,
Carlee Wright
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