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Dear Honorable Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, vice Chair Pham and members of the House Rules Committee,

We Highly support HB 3595 to recognized Lunar New Year as a state holiday in Oregon.

- We strongly believe Oregon is as liberal as California and Washington! State Representative Dr. Tran will introduce similar legislation while neighboring states such as Washington and California have already taken this step.
- Cultural significance, for over 150 years, Asian communities have been an integral part of Oregon's history and development, official recognition would honor their contribution, promote greater cultural appreciation and strengthen community ties across the state.
- Economic advantage, driving huge consumers spending and business activity, enhance economic benefits by encouraging broader participation, supporting local businesses, thus, further integrating into Oregon's economic landscape.
- Easy up for Public Employee and Student, currently, many Oregon families have to take personal leave from work or school to observe Lunar New Year. Official recognition would:
 1. Align Oregon's holiday with the cultural diversity, fostering a more inclusive environment.
 2. Allow students to participate in cultural traditions without receiving academic penalties.
 3. Support public employees, educators and workers who celebrate "Holiday" with their families.

We, thank you for your consideration!

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