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As a long time historic preservationist, having served on the Landmarks Commission for the City of Portland and now on the Historic Resources Advisory Board for the City of Lake Oswego, I urge your support for this bill. It does not go far enough, but it is a good start. If we wish to know who we are, we need to know who we were and we will not be able to know that in the future if the level of teardowns and replacements of buildings that is occurring in our communities continues. It is very difficult at this point, with the requirement for consent from the owner, to have new buildings become landmarks. There needs to be some kind of additional incentive to help the owner do the right thing. Without this additional incentive, the dollars and cents seem to overtake any level of commitment to maintaining history. We have struggled with this for some time, and desperately need the advantage of some kind of tax break. Please, also consider expanding this to include residential properties. But please, regardless, vote yes on this.