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Capital Construction  
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Co-chairs Rep Nosse and Girod and members of the Committee, Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon works on the front lines and behind the scenes to empower Oregonians to reimagine and transform their communities through the preservation and reuse of historic and cultural places. We believe in a vibrant and equitable Oregon where historic preservation and reuse of our existing built resources are crucial tools to help solve issues, create jobs and contribute to the economic and social livability of Oregon.

We generally support lottery funds for capital investments in existing properties, especially when those investments leverage other resources, keep people in their homes, increase the value of their commercial downtowns.

Restore Oregon specifically supports HB 5531, Section 10 that requests \$10m/year for the Main St Revitalization Grant program to continue the investment in our smaller "main street" historic communities all across Oregon.

We are also asking for the Joint Ways and Means to support the capital requests for the CREF projects in HB 3191, specifically those that are restoring and renovating historic properties like the Elsinore Theater in Salem, Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph, Eastern Oregon Regional Theater, and all the other cultural projects.

Finally, the vision of the James Beard Market revitalizing and restoring two of Portland's historic commercial properties will be a catalyst for reviving the downtown core and is an investment in not only our built environment but our states food and cultural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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