

Greetings,

I would like to express my strong support for HB 3376, for the following reasons:

- 1) Unlike most other businesses, theaters experienced a total shutdown for nearly a year
- 2) Theaters were not included in the \$25 million that went to live performance venues last year
- 3) Theaters face a long road to recovery without new film product and capacity restrictions. Even with greater capacity allowances (50% and above), theaters will still be limited to roughly 25% capacity due to 6' social distancing requirements
- 4) Funds are needed to help address fixed costs incurred while theaters were required to be closed and capital expenses related to re-opening
- 5) Movie theaters are awesome forms of entertainment that we sorely need to enrich our lives in these challenging times.