

Testimony for HB 3376 before the House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity
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I support the passage of HB 3376 in as much as it provides for financial assistance for small local theatres. Think about the value of the **Salem Cinema** in Salem and the **Eltrym theater** in Baker City. This bill has the potential to help rural and urban Oregon by supporting unique and heritage small businesses that were devastated by the shut-down requirements under the pandemic. These businesses have been particularly hard hit. Please consider:

- These venues have been closed for nearly a year.
- They are primarily supported by a single owner who has had to pay all expenses out of savings.
- Unlike restaurants, they could not sell their product in a to-go box.
- Theatres were not included in the \$25 million that went to live performance venues last year.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill and I ask that you act on it to include recovery money for small theatres that have borne a disproportionate share of the financial difficulty caused by COVID 19.

Thank you,

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