

State of Oregon
Ways and Means Committee
RE: Senate Bill 5555

Recently HB 3376, which would fund financial support, was passed into your hands for funding. I encourage you to include these needed funds as part of the budget bill.

Our local theater has been shut down for over a year and we are sorely worried that it will not survive the loss of revenue due to the pandemic. Movie theaters have not received any of the dollars that went to live performance venues (which was needed). But our movie theaters need help as well to pay on-going fixed costs and other costly capital expenses. In our opinion, our Salem Cinema is an essential service to the community. Having it shut down for so long has been a personal loss as well as a loss for our community. Please provide funds for our local cinemas.

Thank you,
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George Bachik