

Movie theaters, live venues and restaurants have all been seriously impacted by the Corona virus restrictions imposed to keep all of us as healthy as possible. The Oregon legislature funded live theaters and venues last year. Restaurants have been helped by changes to OLCC regulations, takeout, food delivery services and forgivable loans under PPP. Support for movie theaters, favorably moved out of committee, should be included in SB 5555. There are not many opportunities for movie theaters to find alternative revenue streams. SB 5555 appears to be a reasonable way to support this type of entertainment venue that is impacted so severely by the lockdown restrictions.

If a society says a business cannot operate for a period of time, in the public interest, that same society should pony up some support dollars to ease the impact of the restrictions. It is an equitable approach!