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During a majority of the time that the Covid 19 pandemic struck our state, as well as the rest of the world, non-essential businesses had to cease any aspect of their operations involving personal interactions among individuals. Cultural organizations, including museums, were among the hardest hit places. Eventually some businesses like restaurants were able to innovate to enable their income streams to continue to some degree, for example by implementing take out for restaurants. Institutions such as museums, especially those with limited outdoor facilities, had no choice but to stay closed until masking and limited entry options became available. These organizations lost revenue from admissions, special events, store sales and food receipts. Some were able to get partial assistance through state and federal grants and programs such as payroll protection program (PPP). This did not make these institutions whole, which is why HB 4040 is important. Help these organizations with gaps in their finances due to Covid 19 by passing HB 4040. Thank you, Maria Hall.