

I OPPOSE [HB 2459]: [\$50,150,000] for the Arts?

As much as I support the Arts, now is not the time to spend the stated amount from the GENERAL FUND to support [HB 2459].

Below are a few concerns:

The Economy: High inflation and interest rates, childcare costs coupled with looming high unemployment. Size of government spending on other programs. Oregon's debt obligations.

Homeless people: Increasing "Homeless" populations due to: the Economy, extinction of rent moratoriums, **increasing costs:** [rents, power bills, food, fuel, unemployment, illegal immigration, crime and "Free services" offered by the "Non-profit Corporations" which are funded by taxpayer dollars.]

*Note the "Homeless Diaspora" occurring in Oregon.

**Don't forget the "Foster kids, Wards of the Court, runaway kids and Homeless families with school age children.

War in Ukraine: We are increasing our National debt to fund the war in Ukraine while drawing down on our own military readiness and arsenal of weapons.

Possible war with China over Taiwan-Costs of Defending Taiwan.

I sincerely support the Arts, in all aspects but, we just do not have the money at this time.

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Mr. Oregon Concur...I like Bluegrass Music but,,Yo no tango dinero en mi bolsillo.

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