



Dear Rep. Rayfield, Rep. Sanchez, Sen. Steiner, and Sen Wagner,

We, the members of the Arts and Culture Caucus of Oregon enthusiastically support the legislation House Bill 4124 and Senate Bill 1582.

The Oregon Arts and Culture Community is a crossroads. We have heard from hundreds of our constituents in communities from across the state, that the vitality and longevity of the Oregon Arts community is in dire straits. Organizations, large and small, have been pummeled by the events of the last four years and while many are still operating, they do so at reduced capacity. The resilience funding in both HB 4124 and SB 1582 would allow the Oregon Arts community to stabilize and grow.

Supporting Arts and Culture is directly in line with the goals of every legislator; arts and culture strengthen the economy and support our communities. Based on the most recent findings from Americans For the Arts, attendees at Oregon's nonprofit arts and culture events spend an average of \$39.14 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and lodging—vital income for local businesses. 10% of attendees live outside of the state; they average \$77.55 in event-related spending.

Arts and Culture drive economic growth, make our communities more livable, and create common bonds that bring Oregonians closer together. This caucus believes now is the time to support our arts and culture community because they have done so much to make Oregon the great state it is today.

We urge you to prioritize this legislation so that we can ensure Oregon is home to a vibrant creative economy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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