

Submitter: Dylan Rieck

On Behalf Of: Portland Musicians

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB4124

Dear my Oregon legislators,

My name is Dylan Rieck, I am a working professional musician in Portland. I am a member of the Portland Opera Orchestra as well as being a teacher, freelancer and father to two elementary aged children. Those of us who have worked hard to become professional musicians did not do so to get rich, we have dedicated our lives to making beautiful music to uplift our communities and hopefully to help make society a more interesting place.

It has been a tough few years for working musicians, the Covid pandemic hit all of us very hard. Many of us are just eking out a living by piecing together as many gigs as we can. We rely on important organizations like the Portland Opera and Oregon Symphony to employ us but also the state relies on those organizations to be shining jewels of art and beauty in a time where we need beauty and culture.

Please support legislation to fund arts organizations, they are important employers for myself and my wonderful colleagues.

Sincerely,
Dylan Rieck