

Submitter: Gregory Dubay

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB4124

I am writing in support of HB 4124 (2024) to appropriate money through the Oregon Business Development Department to Oregon's important arts & culture organizations.

I'm a director of a non-profit music school in Portland, Oregon, serving people of all ages and especially school-aged youth. While my organization would not benefit directly from this bill, the music teachers I employ and they people they teach depend on its passage.

Musicians of the Portland Opera Orchestra, the Oregon Ballet Theatre, and other similar organizations make up a big part of the pool of teaching artists I draw from to employ as music teachers. Without these organizations drawing qualified, talented and dedicated musicians to our region to live and work, I would probably not be able to sustain a music school of as high a level, and the music students would suffer from that loss.

To retain the vital talent and skills of highly trained and experienced performing artists and arts instructors in Oregon, I urge you to pass HB 4124 (2024) for funding to arts organizations.