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Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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Thank you for taking on this important issue. The live events industry was decimated with COVID. Please pass this support. Healthy Arts Organizations are good for all Oregonians. The larger Arts Organizations in Portland are able to take live events across the State when they are healthy and funded. The workers of these organizations can afford housing, healthcare and plan for retirement with dignity when the Arts Organizations are funded. Many of the workers under an IATSE contract were able to keep their healthcare the year plus of unemployment COVID because they worked for one or more of the Arts organizations that provided healthcare through the union. Please review the many facts of why Oregon needs to support the employers of Arts and Live Entertainment who pay living wages, healthcare and retirement benefits. Review why arts and Live entertainment are good for all Oregonians and look at the revenue surrounded by the Arts that positively affects many businesses surrounding events.

Thank you.