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Measure: HB4124

HB 2124 means a lifeline for performing arts organizations and the performers that are employed by them post-Covid. I'm a musician with the Portland Opera Orchestra and freelancer and the effects of Covid are still being felt with many of us still only playing not even half the services that we did pre-Covid. This area of the economy has not bounced back like others. For us that means half the money that we used to make and more stress for us trying to figure out how to make ends meet with other part-time employment in non-music related jobs. Musicians and other performers spend a significant part of their lives keeping up their valuable skills for the benefit of their communities. We need the greater community's support in keeping us and the performing arts alive so we can continue to be the beating heart of Oregon culture. Please support HB 2124 - it's not just a frill for Oregon - it's critical income for many of us! Thanks for your support!