

Re HB 2459

Dear Rep Janelle Bynum:

First, let me introduce myself. I served for 18 years on the Board of the High Desert Museum, most of which was on its Executive Committee. Recently, I was elected to become a Lifetime Board member, an honor I greatly appreciate.

During this tenure, my primary task was raising precious dollars to support the mission of the Museum. The pandemic created a sense of urgency. As I am confident you know, the Museum had to close. When a limited reopening was permissible, the rules governing made that uneconomic. Then, of course, when opening was fully allowed, retention of staff became paramount and our labor cost skyrocketed.

The current situation reminds of the patient that takes only one of a daily dosage of two pills. You will survive but not become healthy.

I know the Museum is not alone in the post pandemic era in the struggle to survive and to provide a quality experience and education to its visitors. It is for these reasons that I heartily support HB 2459 and ask that it receive wholehearted support from the legislature.

Sincerely

*s/Tom Triplett*

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