

Theatre in the Grove
2028 Pacific Ave
Forest Grove, OR 97116

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Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and Members of the Committee:
My name is Eddie Glenn, and I represent Theatre in the Grove (treasurer & board member), located in Forest Grove, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 4024.

Speculative ticketing has become a persistent and growing problem for live entertainment venues. When resellers advertise and sell tickets they do not actually possess, the consequences fall not on the reseller, but on venues and their staff. Our teams are left to manage disputes at the gate, address understandably frustrated patrons, and absorb reputational harm when consumers believe the venue is responsible for the issue.

This happened to Theatre in the Grove a few years ago. A fraudster created a fraudulent event on EventBrite and sold tickets to one of our shows. It took months of contacting EventBrite to get this event removed from their website. And in the end, we honored the fraudulent tickets because the patrons were unsuspecting victims. Being a non-profit, community theatre every lost ticket sale hampers our ability to put on quality, live entertainment and educate our youth in theatre arts.

For independent and community-based venues, this erosion of trust is especially damaging. We rely on strong relationships with our audiences, artists, and local communities. Speculative ticketing undermines those relationships, disrupts event operations, and creates confusion and frustration that are entirely outside of our control. HB 4024 offers a narrowly tailored, common-sense solution. By prohibiting the resale of tickets that a reseller does not have in actual or constructive possession, the bill targets deceptive practices without interfering with legitimate secondary resale markets. It provides clarity for consumers and stability for venues, while reinforcing fair and transparent ticketing practices. We respectfully urge your support of HB 4024 to protect both Oregon consumers and the local venues that contribute to our state's cultural and economic vitality.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.
Sincerely,

Eddie Glenn

Treasurer & Board of Director
Theatre in the Grove