

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Telfer, Rosenbaum
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Economic and Community Development Department to reimburse local filmmaker for all or portion of expenses paid in Oregon to produce smaller films using Oregon residents for production. Defines "local filmmaker." Continuously appropriates five percent of moneys in the Oregon Production Investment Fund to reimburse local filmmakers for expenses of producing local films.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect on other fund recipients
- Need for continuation of program
- Benefits of continuing local work for Oregon film industry workers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Production Investment Fund was established to provide financial support to filmmakers making films in Oregon. Most support has gone to out-of-state filmmakers, using local and out-of-state production crews. Lack of local productions makes it difficult for local film production workers to support themselves between the occasional larger productions. SB 863 dedicates five percent of the existing fund to support for local filmmakers making smaller films using Oregon residents for production.