



April 18, 2011

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The Honorable Rep. Bailey
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The Honorable Rep. Berger
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Dear Co-Chairpersons Burdick, Bailey and Berger:

We would like to offer our support for the Oregon Film Commission's "Oregon Production Investment Fund and Oregon Greenlight Labor Rebate" programs. These efforts will soon be before the House of Representatives in the form of HB 2167. This legislation carries key portions of the program that make up one of the state's best economic investment opportunities.

The Oregon Tourism Commission continues to support the activities of the Oregon Film & Video office because of its impact on the economic environment in the state. These film incentives are tools that leverage private funds from production companies and bring tens of millions of dollars to Oregon businesses annually while also supporting thousands of jobs for Oregon workers. In fact, the program has returned over \$500 million in direct and indirect economic impact since 2007.

We also believe in the efforts of the Oregon Film & Video office because successful film projects that have come to Oregon have become strong tourism generators. Whether it is "The Goonies" or "Free Willie" or "The Shining" or a myriad of others, when Oregon shows up on screen it does provide destination travel opportunities for visitors. The screen is also a fabulous place to show off the scenic grandeur of our state.

Thank you again for your consideration and we again ask for your support of HB 2167. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Scott West
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