

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases the program tax credit cap from \$10 million per year to \$14 million per year. Reduces the share of funds dedicated to reimbursements, marketing, and refunds from 95% to 92.5%. Increases the share of funds dedicated to local filmmakers and local production service companies from 5% to 7.5%. Increases the limit on the reimbursement for local filmmakers and local media production companies from \$1 million to \$5.5 million. Applies to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Film & Video tax credit was created by the Legislature in 2003 with an annual cap of \$1 million. The cap has increased gradually over time, reaching \$10 million in 2013. Since 2012 the tax credits have been sold at auction. The funds are used to reimburse qualifying filmmakers or local media production companies for a portion of their Oregon Expenses. The intent is to promote the development of the film, video and multimedia industry in Oregon and to enhance the industry's revenues, profile and reputation within Oregon and among the industry internationally.