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Senator Mark Hass, Chair Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue 900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room A Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2244-A

Dear Chair Hass and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland supports reauthorization of the Greenlight Oregon labor rebate program, as proposed by HB 2244-A. The Greenlight Oregon labor rebate incentive is paid to projects or producers that incur \$1 million or more in actual expenses for film, commercial or television show production in Oregon.

Greenlight Oregon and the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF) serve as important economic development tools for our state. Combined, Greenlight Oregon and OPIF have helped to dramatically increase direct production spending in Oregon. That investment in the film and video industry sustains more than 3,000 Oregon jobs and nearly 400 Oregon-based companies.

The City of Portland urges your support for HB 2244-A to reauthorize this rebate program. Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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