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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Policy Position HB 2244: Relating to certified film production development contributions

Clackamas County supports HB 2244: The Board of County Commissioners supports HB 2244, which would extend the sunset on the existing Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate (GOLR) program. The GOLR program is used for commercial productions and it can also be used in conjunction with the Oregon Production Investment Fund.

As home to an incredibly diverse landscape of urban, agricultural, small towns, and mountain settings perfect for film locations, Clackamas County holds obvious appeal to filmmakers and production companies. Large production movies such as Twilight (2008), Gone (2011), and Wild (2014) have filmed in Clackamas County in recent years. In addition, we also frequently serve as the filming location for television series Portlandia, Grimm, and The Librarians, which has their sound stage located within the County. To cultivate this burgeoning industry, Clackamas County serves as a resource to production companies by providing technical assistance and securing filming locations.

The GOLR is utilized by The Librarians, Wild, Grimm, and Portlandia. In addition, Clackamas County is currently assisting a production company that would like to bring a television series to the County, which could also participate in the GOLR program.

We urge a "yes" vote for HB 2244.

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