

**HB 2244 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Smith DB

**House Committee On Economic Development and Trade**

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**Action Date:** 02/15/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Lininger, Marsh, Olson, Post, Reschke, Smith DB

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends sunset of Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate Fund from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2024. Allows Oregon Film and Video Office to deduct from labor rebate amounts spent on workforce development and educational efforts for qualifying film production.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Economic impact of the Oregon film industry
- Operational mechanics of how the labor rebate works
- Public policy purpose and metrics for success for the incentive

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Removes sporting events from definition of qualifying film production.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 2191 (2005) created the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate Fund (Fund). The Fund is administered by the Oregon Film and Video Office (Oregon Film) and offers qualifying film and video productions a cash rebate of up to 6.2 percent of Oregon-based payroll (ORS 316.220). To qualify, a film and video production must spend more than \$1 million in Oregon. Under current Oregon law, Oregon Film must stop issuing rebates from this account on or after January 1, 2018.

House Bill 2244 A would extend the authority of Oregon Film to issue a rebate from this Fund until January 1, 2024. The measure would also allow Oregon Film to deduct from a rebate up to 1 percent for workforce development and educational efforts undertaken by Oregon Film in connection with the qualifying film production.