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House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
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Dear House Committee on Revenue,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244** to expand the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. This program is critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

I am a Los Angeles transplant who has been working in the entertainment industry as an actor, writer and director for almost 40 years. Last week, a small group of us Oregonians wrapped a short film shot entirely in Clackamas County.

Currently I am in pre-production with a feature film that will shoot on the Oregon Coast. Being able to apply/receive a grant through the fund would mean a larger budget for the project and employing more people over a longer period. Incentives are the way of the industry nationwide and, though reduced during Covid, they are a large part of the equation when considering where to shoot a film. I feel a larger Oregon Production Incentive Fund will mean more productions in Oregon and more job opportunities for all categories of media related workers.

Please **vote YES on HB 3244** to expand OPIF and increase media production jobs and spending in our state.

Regards,

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