

House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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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've worked in the Portland film industry for the last five years, and was able to recently buy my first home. Being freelance, it's a scary thing to not know what work is coming. But I'm always comforted just to hear that there is work, even if I'm not on the job. This expansion of the OPIF would help me sleep easier and be much less afraid of my mortgage.

We're a small but mighty industry, and we bring a lot to the local and statewide economy. I recently worked on a movie in Gold Beach, Oregon, where I am positive that the nearly 100 crew members gave a vital and helpful boost to the Gold Beach economy on so many levels. This is consistent no matter where we're filming, whether it's Portland proper or rural Oregon.

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

Regards,

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