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House Committee on Revenue  
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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 Set Dressing Buyer who has worked in the Portland Film and Video industry for over 25 years, participating in feature film, commercial, industrial, episodic television, movies of the week, music video, infomercial and animation creation. From my experience, I've had first hand interaction with vendors throughout the greater Portland area over many many years. This industry is vital not only to the hundreds of film crew, but to so many local companies who rely on the business and cash flow we bring to them. I have personally spent thousands of dollars every week during the shooting of Shrii, Trinkets, and Chad episodic television series in the past three years alone. Vendors both large (Home Depot, Target, Fred Meyer, Lowes, West Elm, Macys) and small (Really Good Stuff, What's New, Lounge Lizard, Giffords Flowers, Vintage Pink, City Liquidators, City Home, hip furniture); institutions (Rental Sales Gallery of the Portland Art Museum) and collaborative retail malls (Urbanite, Stars Antiques, Village Merchants, ReRun) have benefited greatly from this vibrant industry and its creative needs. I've watched this industry grow, and blossom, and it needs to expand even more so that local crews can continue to make a living, contribute to our region's financial health, and attract more projects which will sustain these wonderful stores. During 2020, our crews worked through strict protocols and continued to buy locally as much as possible. I can't tell you how many store owners thanked me profusely for 'remembering them', and for helping to keep them afloat. On a personal note, the work has provided a living wage and health benefits for me and my family, and in these increasingly uncertain times, I would like others in our industry to feel secure as well. HB3244 would bring more projects, more jobs, and provide more stability and opportunity. It's been proven that these film industry incentives work; let's look to a positive future that can be crafted from this investment now -- **our economy needs this boost.**

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

Regards,

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