

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 have worked in the industry since 2009 in a variety of roles and am currently a Story Coordinator at Shadow Machine.

I relocated to Oregon from Los Angeles two years ago to work on a film and would love to make Oregon my permanent home. But in order to do so, I need to be able to find ongoing steady film work in the Portland area. It seems like this bill could help me to do that. Oregon has so many great things about it, and so many advantages to California, but the one thing I am unsure of is a steady supply of work.

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

Regards,

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