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# A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

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TO: Chairs Burdick & Nathanson  
Vice-Chairs Boquist, Pham, & Reschke  
Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures

FR: Jacob Finkelman, Oregon AFL-CIO

RE: HB 3244 & SB 43, SUPPORT

June 4, 2021

The Oregon AFL-CIO represents 300,000 workers across the state and is a voice for all workers in the legislative process, including many actors, musicians, studio mechanics and many other crafts and trades people that stimulate the film industry to make Oregon a destination for film production. HB 3244 expands the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. SB 43 extends both the Oregon Production Investment Fund and the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate programs for six more years. These bills are critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

The film industry was one of the many industries hit hard by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and one that clearly needs our support to return to the thriving Oregon marketplace that it once was. It's an industry that invites creatives, artists, entrepreneurs, and trade workers from around the world to Oregon. HB 3244 and SB 43 implement an expansion that allows for increased workforce development that focuses on growing the workforce while also expanding the opportunities for traditionally underrepresented communities to gain employment in the growing industry.

The Oregon Production Investment Fund provides increased work to Oregon. HB 3244 and SB 43 support living wage jobs, which we know benefit Oregon families in addition to stimulating their communities and state economy. Supporting these two bills are a necessary effort in supporting the film industry workers as well as the future potential the industry has to expand and thrive in Oregon.

Please vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43 to expand and extend these critical programs for our local production industry.