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Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43**. HB3244 expands the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. SB43 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.

I am a member of IATSE Local 488, and work as a Set Lighting Technician in the film industry. I have worked in almost 50 feature films and episodic television shows. Many of which were filmed right here in Oregon.

If these bills pass it will create more work and revenue for the industry here in Oregon. This revenue will help out the states economy in a big way! It will also allow even greater diversity with in the workforce of the industry here; this is achieved by funding more productions which will require more professionals. Needing more professionals creates opportunities to hire even more crew that want in the industry.

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

Regards,

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Sent from my iPhone