

House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3010** pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion in incentivized Oregon media productions. It's important that the commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion be reflected in Oregon's policymaking.

I am the co-creator and co-star of the television series *Portlandia*, which was fortunate enough to film in and around Portland, Oregon for eight years. I have also directed multiple episodes of *SHRILL*, another show that was made here in Oregon. While my work as a writer and director often takes me out of state, I consider Oregon to be both my creative community and my spiritual home. I am strongly invested in the film and TV industry not just surviving but thriving.

While we can all take pride in the fact that Oregon possesses a desirable and talent-rich infrastructure for filming, I cannot envision our industry moving forward without us taking deliberate and meaningful steps towards greater equity. We cannot achieve inclusion via wishful thinking and good intentions. HB 3010 makes certain that productions make logistical and concerted efforts to rectify oversights and shortcomings when it comes to diversity.

All productions benefit from a multitude of perspectives, identities, and backgrounds. Homogeneity breeds insularity and a narrowness that is anathema to art. Our goal as creators should not just be to make work but to make space for other people, and to operate from a spirit of generosity.

Please **vote YES on HB 3010** to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion in our local production industry. I look forward to witnessing the change that comes about when this bill passes.

Regards,



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