

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 have worked in the film and television industry for over 30 years and have had the good fortune of working with top directors and actors. As a series regular on Taina a Nickelodeon series, As a series regular on Grimm in dozens of commercials and films.

For 12 years i worked out of LA and now have made my home in Portland. Being one of the few actors of color here I was able to work with everyone in the artistic community here and I am trying to create local work and show off the talent and creativity that reside here.

By encouraging diversity and equity we would benefit by helping all voices be heard, giving a platform for these voices that are lost in the shuffle. And it will help artist like myself provide work for local actors and create a thriving local film and television community.

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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