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On Behalf Of: Oregon Film and Video Office

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Transportation and Economic Development

Measure: SB5524

Hello to the members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the Oregon Film & Video Office and provide personal testimony to my own experiences. I have been a member of the film industry for over 30 years, 20 of those as a commercial, feature, documentary and television producer based in Southern Oregon. I first connected with the Oregon Film & Video Office in 2005 while working on a feature film in Southern Oregon and quickly learned how important the film office is to the work that I do, such as logistical support with permitting and locations, administering the film incentive, and providing marketing support once the projects are done. I cannot overstate how much the efforts of the Oregon Film office contribute not just to my work but to a strong film and media industry in Oregon in general. Their office is extremely accessible and responsive, which is a necessity in the very fast-paced world of film and media production, and very knowledgeable about the needs of the industry due to their own professional experience. The strength, excellent reputation, and high quality output of the Oregon film and media industry is thanks in no small part to the existence of the Oregon Film & Video Office. I appreciate the Oregon legislature's continued support and funding of this important office.

Best regards,

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Elsewhere Films

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