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On Behalf Of:

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I urge you to support approval of the 2023-25 operating budget for the Oregon Film and Video Office. As a working union member in the media production industry, I know the Oregon Film Office is critical in representing Oregon to national and international producers. Their stewardship brings millions in spending and family wage jobs to our state.

Yesterday, I auditioned for one of dozens of roles in a major feature film set to shoot in Oregon in April, a production that would not have landed in Oregon without the Film Office's marketing efforts, and the strength of our local creative personnel and businesses, built up with the Office's partnership with local organizations on creative, business and workforce development efforts.

The Film Office is also responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the state's incentive program. The modest expenditure budgeted for the Film Office ensures Oregon taxpayers get the most for their investment in media incentives.

I strongly support approval of the 2023-25 operating budget for the Oregon Film and Video Office.