

House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear House Committee on Revenue,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244** to expand the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. This program is critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

Hello. My name is Joe Timko. I am a resident of SE Portland (Lents), and have been living in Oregon and working in the Oregon film industry for the past 15 years. I work as a Grip and as a Lighting Technician. Working in this industry has provided me with union jobs that subsequently provide my two young daughters and my wife with union health insurance and benefits. I have worked on numerous films, television series, and commercials over the past decade and a half and I would like to see that continue into the next two decades ahead. These are good paying union jobs that support hundreds of Oregonians, and their families, and branch out to other industries such as hospitality, transportation, retail, and food and beverage just to name a few. There are also small companies owned and operated by Oregonians within the film industry that are industry specific and could only thrive more given the opportunity.

Please **vote YES on HB 3244** to expand OPIF and increase media production jobs and spending in our state.

Regards,

Joe Timko

Portland, OR