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Ref HB3244- Expansion of the OPIF Program

Attn House Committee on Revenue

Hello, esteemed members of the Committee!

When my husband and I moved to Portland, in 2004, I was delighted to find a growing film community, that was supportive and encouraging, filled with a crew that valued the playful art of our industry.

Positive work-life balance is very important to me, and the Portland Film Community showed me that it is possible, even within our high-stress, fast-paced, money-driven industry.

Since then, the film community in Portland has grown, and with this growth, I have shared this same ideal with my colleagues.

Film work is my livelihood. I have been Costuming since 1999, and being able to work in such a supportive environment nurtures my inspiration.

After the long shut down of our industry due to the pandemic, it is more crucial now to entice Productions to our city, to inspire and motivate the community. We all need to feel stimulated by the stories we tell through art.

Please expand the OPIF program from \$14M to \$20M, so we can continue to foster positive growth of arts and business in our community.

Thank you so much for your time!

Cheers and good health to you all—

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