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Oregon State Legislative Assembly  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support of HB 3244, a bill amending ORS 315.514 relating to tax credits for certified film production contributions.

Dear Legislative Representatives,


As the film and media industry grows in the State of Oregon, the need to acknowledge and support the amendment of ORS 315.514 through HB 3244 calls for our attention. As a county fiscally reliant on the robust industry of tourism after the downturn of timber revenues, the economy in Curry County has struggled to sustain, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This has imposed on Curry County's Economic Development Department, a juncture of circumstance to seize opportunity in which sustainable revenue programming may be viable to the local economy and workforce.

Nearly 100 miles of rich and rugged natural resources of the Southern Oregon Coast, Curry County boasts majestic and rugged coastlines, six wild and scenic rivers, and magnificently forested inland. Curry County has an abundance of locations providing endless visual and environmental assets available to the film and media industry.

With the economic impact of the film recently shot in our community, receipts show no less than \$2,941,385.00 injected into the economy of Oregon communities in grave need of an injection of revenue. As we work to develop programming with emphasis on film and media incentives, the Curry County Board of Commissioners find tremendous obligation in support of HB 3244 and the Office of Oregon Film and Video.

Sincerely,

Curry County Board of Commissioners

  
Court Boice, Chair 5/12/21

  
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