

Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43**. HB3244 expands the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. SB43 extends both the Oregon Production Investment Fund and the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate programs for six more years. These bills are critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

I have been a union film worker since 2015, I have worked on several large budget films and television shows since I joined the union. I primarily work in the Art Department as a Property Assistant.

I was born and raised in Oregon, I first started my career in film here. I moved to Georgia in 2007, there I became a union member and had the opportunity to work with some very talented people. My family is here, I own a house here, but I still have to work in Georgia because currently Oregon does not compete with GA (or British Columbia) due in large part to the lack of a tax incentive. If we can make this state more financially attractive to production companies they will come. There is a lot of talk amongst producers there looking for someplace else to produce their projects due to the current Governors recent legislation regarding female productive rights.

Oregon is a great state, not only because of our vast array of scenic locations but also our progressive attitudes which do not often compete with the sensibilities of cast and crew.

Please **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43** to expand and extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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