

House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

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To Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

I am a 17-year resident, homeowner, and Thai-American small business owner in Oregon, I urge you to **vote YES on HB 4153** that directs the Oregon Film and Video Office to establish a "Creative Opportunity Program" to promote film, television, interactive, animation and media industries in Oregon.

I'm co-founder and Executive Producer at <u>Actual Industries</u>, a video production company and agency located in Portland founded in 2009.

I've had the opportunity to work alongside and hire those who can directly benefit from such a fund. The makeup of crews and, especially, leadership, typically does not reflect the makeup of our community. HB4153 can help to create more diverse and inclusive sets and productions to provide opportunities, grants, and mentorship programs to elevate historically underrepresented communities.

Diverse crews create stronger work, which leads to more shoots and more opportunities for all crews in Oregon.

Please vote YES on HB4153 to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion in our local production industry.

Sincerely,

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