

Dear honorable legislators:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 3329, increasing the amount of total tax credits allowed for certified film production development contributions made to the Oregon Production Investment Fund.

We need to keep Oregon competitive with other states. This is how we do it. The film incentives offered by various states and provinces are the main consideration studios use in determining where to site their productions. We have had a good start with shows like "Grimm", which generated so many jobs that it's possible the state taxes paid by the employees alone offset the total tax credits they received, but that isn't even beginning to factor in the many millions of dollars they dropped into the local economy in other spending. If we can get our incentive increased we have a chance of repeating and even expanding success stories like this.

I have been making a living in the movie and TV production for over 25 years. I am a Portland native, with deep family roots in the state. I would like to work here, I would prefer not to take my productive labor to California. Let's do this! Let's get this incentive increased and stay competitive with other states!

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