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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 3329 – Oregon Production Investment Fund Increase

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ben Lipsey, and I have been working as a Location Manager in Portland, Oregon, for 15 years. I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3329, which proposes an \$8 million increase to the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF), raising the annual cap from \$20 million to \$28 million.

As a Location Manager, I have firsthand experience with the direct economic benefits that film and television productions bring to our state. Productions create well-paying jobs for local crew members, generate significant revenue for small businesses, and stimulate local economies across Oregon. From permitting fees to lodging, restaurants, equipment rentals, and local vendors, the impact of a single production can be far-reaching and transformative.

In recent years, I have seen productions choose other states over Oregon due to our limited incentive cap. An increase in funding would not only attract an estimated \$100 million in additional production budgets each year but also provide more stability and growth opportunities for those of us who rely on this industry for our livelihood.

Oregon's film industry is an essential economic driver and a beacon of creativity that enhances our cultural landscape. HB 3329 would ensure that we remain competitive in attracting productions that bring employment and investment to our communities. I urge you to pass this bill and support the continued growth of Oregon's film and television industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ben Lipsey
Location Manager, Portland, OR

