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I have been working in the Film/TV industry since the 1990's as a SAG/AFTRA stunt player & actor & as a resident of Oregon bringing better tax incentives is essential. Many times, I've had to work out of state because Oregon doesn't support this industry like many other states do. It is a multi billion dollar industry that brings jobs by top tier productions to local talent, but only when they are offered incentives. There are some examples of times Oregon better supported productions & when this happened, jobs were open to talent by the hundreds & revenue brought by it was incomparable. For instance, Leverage with the TNT network & very accomplished writer & producer Dean Devlin made residence worth his production company as we filmed Leverage & The Librarians. Also, Grimm with NBC came during this same period ever increasing the states revenue exponentially. Before this was Spielberg in the 90's. I find it odd & sad when massive top productions aren't supported that bring millions in revenue, jobs & recognition that only attracts more & more top producers to this state. For example, Atlanta, GA supports TV/Film so much so that many of the top tier feature films for several decades are filmed there on a regular basis. One of the places I must go in order to work. Oregon needs to realize that this industry is a massive money maker with almost always an unlimited budget to produce when it comes to top tier producers. It hurts us local talent when these top tier producers don't bring their productions here because of lack of incentives. Especially when the NW is a picture perfect area for producers that can make a production look like it was filmed around the world, right here in the NW. Look at the history here in Oregon since the early 90's & you'll see the caliber of producers who have filmed here when given the incentives. I'd prefer to film here locally more often than not.  
Thank you for your time.