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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3329

I am in favor of the increase to tax credits for film production that HB 3329 provides.

Oregon benefits tremendously from the credits issued to certified productions in the state. Every dollar in tax credit comes back to our state and our communities multiplied many times over:

- Through paychecks to Oregonians employed by the producers and the many local companies that provide services for film production (and the Oregon income-tax on those paychecks).
- Through purchases of goods and services at local establishments over the course of a production.

There also are many less tangible but highly valuable benefits Oregon reaps by having our state be the backdrop for renowned films. Awareness, tourism and our state's general stature are all boosted as a result.

Just a short, alphabetical list illustrates the point — Five Easy Pieces, Free Willy, Goonies, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, Paint Your Wagon, Point Break, Stand By Me, Twilight, Wild.

In so many ways, Oregon will benefit immensely through the modest increase that HR 3329 represents. I enthusiastically urge its passage.