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I support any policy that reinforces our film industry in the state of Oregon. Film and television production is a clean, environmentally friendly industry that provides many union-wage jobs and promotes positive images of our state. And money spent by productions far outweighs any incentive money or rebates granted to those productions.

While I have not received money directly from Oregon Film Incentives, I know many, many fellow creatives who've benefited and been involved in amazing productions. The Fund is a clear net gain for all Oregonians.

My only suggestion is to try to fine-tune the program to be better at supporting the growth of a home-grown film and television industry here in Oregon (like what's evolved over the years in the television and filmmaking powerhouse to our north, Vancouver BC) - rather than mainly focusing on luring Hollywood productions. All productions are certainly more than welcome, but out-of-state projects will go wherever they get the best incentives. Whereas a strong Oregon-based industry will create quality content, contribute more to state revenues in the long run, and had the very real potential to be a powerful engine for economic growth in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

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