

SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 3329

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Hi. My name's John Skipp. I am a New York Times bestselling author turned writer/producer/director. Having worked in Hollywood -- from writing a *Nightmare On Elm St.* film to co-directing a Halloween classic film -- I've wisely resettled in Portland. Have made two small films here already, in the last six years. (Covid took down two others.) And I am devoting the rest of my life to making feature films here in Portland, St. Helens, Astoria, and beyond. Using over 90% local casts and crew, with the occasional Hollywood or international star. My next several films range in budget from just under a million to 3-5 million.

I am throwing my support behind HB 3329 as an invaluable step toward Oregon's future as a major west coast hub of production and creation. It's an incredible state, with incredible people and breathtaking resources. Let's make it our job to bring the business home. To not just shine a light, but *be* a light, for both the business and the culture at large. That is the job of the arts, and art-o-tainment.

Thank you so much for your hard work, and your kind attention. Now LET'S GO GET 'EM!!!

Sincerely,
John Skipp