

Submitter: Bruce Lawson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3329

My name is Bruce Lawson and I'm a native Oregonian with 43 yrs experience in filmmaking. I grew up in Portland, Graduated from University of Oregon and I chose to raise my family and make my living here in my home state rather than migrate to another state.

I am writing to urge the passing of HB3329 - \$8 million increase to Oregon's film incentive program — raising the current \$20M cap to \$28M per year. This crucial step would attract an additional \$32M in production budgets, fueling growth for our state's media and entertainment sector and benefiting countless local businesses.

I have been fortunate enough to work on both TV Series' and Features due to the success of these program(s). Without these program(s), I would not have been able to support myself or my family.

In 1996 I started a partnership with my brother Brent and we formed BLT Productions, L.L.C.. We invested in a full Feature Grip package which continued to grow. Then in 2006, due to increased growth and business we were able to purchase both a 48' and 35' trailer to provide grip support for any project ranging from commercials to major motion pictures.

We have traveled and worked our gear throughout not only the state of Oregon but across the country when a state with more aggressive incentives would lure a production away from Oregon.

Our Investments and commitment to growth are made possible due to the increased projects locally filmed in Oregon. These projects came here due to the quality crew, abundant locations and the incentive which the state provides.

We must not only continue to offer an incentive to film here in Oregon but we must try to be even more competitive with other states.

I encourage you to do all you can to insure the continued success of our great film industry here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Bruce Lawson

Key Grip

1st Asst Director

BLT Productions, L.L.C.