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I write today in support of HB 3329.

When I moved to Portland in 2014, there were three TV series filming here almost year round and assorted feature films also shooting year round. Washington state was getting very little production during this time because their Film Tax Incentive was so small and ran out by March of every year. As time passed, other states saw how much work and dollars was being attracted by these incentives and started raising or establishing their OWN film tax incentives.

If we want to remain competitive with other states, in attracting film and TV production, we MUST raise our tax incentive. As Vice President of the SAG-AFTRA Portland Local, I see first hand how so many are affected by these tax incentives. Major film and television production employs literally hundreds of people on EACH production! Many to most are hired locally. Local businesses make top dollar from these productions. Union workers benefit big time as most big productions are union productions.

Since I moved here in 2014, I have watched film and television production string and shrink, the work was attracted by other states and countries. Our incentives were good in 2014 but they are insufficient today. Please pass HB 3329!