

House Committee on Economic Development  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear House Committee on Economic Development,

I'm writing to you to please support the expansion of the Oregon Production Incentive Fund or OPIF. Please vote YES on HB 3329 to increase the fund from \$20 million to \$28 million as the Committee's support is critical in keeping our state competitive in attracting more work in the Film, TV, Commercial, and other digital media industries.

I currently work in Film & Television as a Best Boy Grip in Portland, OR. Having the incentive here has brought a lot of quality projects to our great state. Some of the projects I have had the pleasure to work on locally have been TWILIGHT, WILD, PORTLANDIA, and SHRILL.

Just this past year in 2024, we were lucky to have the Amazon series Criminal film here for several months. I worked on this project for over five months and I know our incentive played a role in helping land this big project for our local markets. It was a sigh of relief to have this large budget project here after the terrible year we had in 2023 with the industry strikes.

Please know that having the incentive has led to projects returning for multiple seasons of work. It is also worth noting that many of the film projects have helped stimulate many local businesses for set fabrications/installations, homeowners by renting their spaces for filming locations, etc. I can also say that having the steady work in the industry, which is a direct result from the support and increase of the OPIF, has helped me achieve the dream of being a homeowner here in Portland, OR.

So please **vote YES on HB 3329** to expand OPIF and increase media production jobs and spending in our state. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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Portland, OR