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On Behalf Of:

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

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My name is Aaron Isaac Vasquez, and I am writing in strong support of increasing the total tax credits allowed for certified film production development contributions to the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF). This program has been a vital tool in strengthening Oregon's film industry, creating jobs, and bringing economic benefits to communities across the state.

OPIF has consistently demonstrated its ability to attract high-quality productions that not only showcase Oregon's diverse landscapes but also provide steady employment for local cast, crew, and small businesses. By increasing the cap on tax credits, we can ensure that more productions choose Oregon over competing states, bringing millions of dollars in economic activity to our local economies. This investment doesn't just benefit filmmakers—it supports caterers, construction workers, hospitality businesses, and a broad range of industries that thrive when productions are in town.

Additionally, this measure will help strengthen Oregon's reputation as a competitive and reliable filming destination. Without sufficient funding, we risk losing out to states with larger incentives, causing a ripple effect that harms local businesses and creative professionals who depend on this industry.

I urge you to support this increase in tax credits to allow OPIF to continue fostering economic growth, job creation, and the development of Oregon's vibrant film industry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Aaron Isaac Vasquez