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Dear Oregon State Legislature,

I'm writing in support of HB5024. I am a film producer based here in Oregon, I have first-hand knowledge of the importance of the State's film office to the continued growth and economic vitality of Oregon's, many creative service workers and enterprises. As a producer I am tasked with evaluating potential shooting locations for projects that include television series, films, and commercial projects. I have frequent contact with the other state office as well and my own so I feel like I'm in a good position to evaluate it. I can say without hesitation that our office is performing at the highest level. It's a small staff but they are enormously effective and punch well above their size. The office under Tim Williams has ushered in growth even in times when other states saw reductions.

In addition to the direct work to foster the media business in Oregon, the state's film office has found ways to amplify the economic output of the industry by emphasizing Oregon films' cultural relevance. That has undoubtedly helped in attracting tourists.

The office also contributes by aiding local workforce training and contributes expertise and support to Oregon's many educational institutions.

Please help ensure the continued success of this economic and creative sector by continued support of the office.

Sincerely yours,

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