

Written Testimony in Support of HB5024

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Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ben Lipsey, and I am a Location Manager based in Portland, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB5024, which provides operational funding for Oregon Film for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Oregon Film plays a crucial role in the success of the state's film and television industry by supporting productions, facilitating permitting processes, and promoting Oregon as a premier filming destination. As a Location Manager, I have directly benefited from the resources, guidance, and coordination that Oregon Film provides. Their expertise and commitment help ensure that productions run smoothly while also fostering positive relationships between filmmakers and the communities in which we work.

Beyond the logistical support, Oregon Film contributes significantly to the economic vitality of our state. By attracting productions to Oregon, the office helps generate jobs, support local businesses, and highlight our diverse landscapes. The work of Oregon Film extends far beyond incentive administration—it is about sustaining and growing an industry that provides opportunities for countless Oregonians in creative and technical fields.

Ensuring that Oregon Film receives the necessary funding to continue its operations is vital to maintaining our state's reputation as a welcoming and film-friendly location. I urge you to support HB5024 and the essential work that Oregon Film does for our industry and communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Lipsey, Location Manager, Portland, OR