

To: Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Economic Development
Re: HB5024 – Funding for the Oregon Film Office

March 16, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Aaron Woods and Representative David Gomberg, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dawn Jones Redstone, and I'm a filmmaker based in Portland. I'm writing to express my strong support for HB5024, which funds the Oregon Film Office. This office plays an essential role in supporting filmmakers like me and ensuring that Oregon remains a great place to create films.

While much of the focus around Oregon Film is on incentives, their work goes far beyond that. Having an office that is looking at the big picture—advocating for our industry, helping connect creatives to resources, and amplifying Oregon's independent filmmaking community—is invaluable.

As an indie filmmaker, I've personally benefited from their support. Whether it's through the visibility they provide to Oregon-made films, the initiatives they back to strengthen our industry, or the connections they help foster, their work directly impacts my ability to make films here.

A well-supported film office means a stronger Oregon film industry—one that continues to generate jobs, attract productions, and ensure that our state remains a competitive and innovative hub for media production. I urge you to fully fund Oregon Film through HB5024 so they can continue the critical work of fostering creativity, economic growth, and opportunities for filmmakers across the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dawn Jones Redstone

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