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I support continued funding of the Oregon Film Office and Exec Dir. Tim Williams and office staff. The work this office does is critical to workers all over the state - attracting projects to Oregon results in providing industry workers with livable wages and healthcare. The work this office does is also critical to the tourism and overall reputation of the state. 39% of all travel worldwide is instigated by a TV show or film. Therefore the more we film in state the more our tourism grows - and people, families, and businesses consider moving to our state. We MUST be competitive and nimble and provide excellent customer service to those bringing millions of dollars into our state.

This office allows for critical storytelling - which connects people from all walks of life. We need good jobs, healthcare, and to be able to connect with humanity thru storytelling.