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Oregon State Legislature Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB120

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee.

My name is Eric Stolberg, and I am the President of Digital One, a Portland-based audio post-production company that has been serving the film and media industry for over three decades. I am writing to express my strong support for SB120, which seeks to increase Oregon's film incentive program by \$8 million, raising the current cap from \$20 million to \$28 million per year.

Oregon's film and media production industry is a crucial driver of economic growth, and I have witnessed firsthand the benefits it brings to our local businesses and creative professionals. Digital One has had the privilege of working on numerous projects made possible by the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF). When production companies choose Oregon, they don't just bring their stories—they bring jobs, investment, and opportunities that extend far beyond the film set. Our studio has directly benefited from these incentives, allowing us to employ talented sound engineers, invest in state-of-the-art technology, and remain competitive in an evolving industry.

Beyond our business, the impact of film production spreads throughout the community. It supports local restaurants, hotels, equipment rental companies, and countless other businesses that rely on a thriving creative economy. By raising the incentive cap, SB120 would attract an estimated \$32 million in additional production budgets, ensuring that Oregon continues to be a desirable location for filmmakers while strengthening our economy as a whole.

Without these incentives, Oregon risks losing valuable projects to other states with more competitive programs. This bill is not just about the film industry—it is about sustaining a network of professionals and businesses that benefit from production activity. More work means more opportunities for Oregonians, and I urge you to support SB120 to keep our state's media industry growing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to fostering economic development in Oregon and ensuring that our state remains a premier destination for film and media production.

Sincerely, Eric Stolberg