

Submitter: Spencer Mayhew  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB120

I am writing to express my strong support for increasing the film incentive in Oregon. Our state has become a vital hub for creative talent and storytelling, thanks in large part to the existing incentive program. By increasing this incentive, we can further attract major film and television productions that not only showcase Oregon's natural beauty and amazing communities but also create well-paying jobs and stimulate local economies. From catering and construction to hospitality and tourism, a large range of industries directly benefit from a thriving film, television and media production industry in Oregon.

I work with in the industry myself and am building a life with my wife in a home that we recently purchased which would not have been possible if not for the film and television work we have here in Oregon. I love what I do and am passionate about the projects I'm involved with as well as the fantastic and diverse community I get to work with on a daily basis. I also spend a lot of time working and volunteering with film students from Portland State University as well as high school students at Parkrose High School who are involved in the wonderful video program there. Being able to help educate, inspire and encourage these students is a huge joy of mine and I couldn't imagine not having the industry or support system we have here that makes it all possible. By increasing the incentive, you will be supporting Oregonians like me who are strongly impacted by the industry as well as the future filmmakers like the students I currently work and volunteer with.

An increased incentive would position Oregon to compete more effectively with neighboring states that are aggressively pursuing film projects with strong financial support. Investing in our film industry means investing in local small businesses, expanding career opportunities for Oregonians, and boosting an amazing community that supports diverse voices and perspectives and backgrounds. I ask that you consider the long-term economic and cultural benefits of this and support the increase in Oregon's film incentive. Thank you for your time and commitment to our creative future.