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Senate votes to continue program to benefit film industry

HB 2244 extends sunset of Greenlight Oregon Rebate Labor program 6 years

SALEM – The Oregon Senate voted to continue state support of the Greenlight Oregon Rebate Labor program, which helps to create jobs in the film and video industry around the state.

House Bill 2244 – which passed by a 22-8 vote on the Senate floor today – extends the current sunset of the program from Jan. 1, 2018, to Jan. 2, 2024. It allows the Oregon Film and Video Office to deduct expenses for workforce development and educational efforts from the rebate amounts.

“The film and video industry has become a burgeoning new job creator in our state over the past several years,” said Sen. Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro), who carried the bill. “This will encourage more large-scale productions in the state and also incent workforce development activities in the industry. This is good for this business segment and it’s good for Oregon.”

The Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate program is a rebate of up to 6.2 percent of payroll for businesses with at least \$1 million of production expenses in Oregon. Established in 2005, the program was established in part with Oregon Lottery Funds administered by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. The program encourages job growth in the film and video industry in Oregon, which has been growing significantly the past several years.

HB 2244 now goes to Gov. Kate Brown for signature.

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