

Senate Bill 6027

SB 6027 is the bill to increase funding for the Motion Picture Competitiveness Program. The bill doubles the size of the fund to \$7 million over the next two years and increases the fund incrementally to \$10 million by 2019. The bill also extends the sunset date of the program to 2022.

SB 6027 is prime sponsored by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles (D, 36th), and co-sponsored by Senators Andy Billig (D, 3rd), Joe Fain (R, 47th) and Don Benton (R, 17th).

Talking Points

The following are talking points for the business letters of support:

- We are business owners that support growing the film industry in Washington State.
 - We pay Business and Occupation Tax and employ full time year round employees.
- Motion picture production projects spend money with a diversity of businesses statewide.
- Motion picture projects bring money from out of state to hire local cast and crew, pay hotel and restaurant bills, and purchase goods and services of all kinds.
- The state incentive program is a model of accountability and effectiveness. It only provides incentives after productions spend money in the state. This is very different from many tax incentive programs.
- The Motion Picture Competitiveness Program has financially supported over 101 projects that have spent an estimated \$96.3 million directly in our statewide economy.
 - 50% of the in-state spend on an approved incentive projects goes directly to Washington State businesses (with the balance going to paying wages and benefits to Washington resident workers)
 - Over the past two years productions with incentive support have spent money in every legislative district in Washington State.
- The film industry is a cornerstone of Washington State's creative economy that provides family wage jobs for Washington workers and valuable economic development opportunities for Washington State.

The Ask

Please support the Motion Picture Competitiveness Program and increase funding for the program in the final budget.