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From: alaskafilmgroupp@gmail.com on behalf of Alaska Film Group <afg@alaskafilmgroupp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:24 PM
Subject: Alaska Film Industry News Blast: What does HB112 do?

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Dear Labor and Commerce Committee Member,

Here is a link to a 2 min. Youtube video highlighting the benefit of the Film Tax Credit Program: <http://youtu.be/ly7lStXsXGQ>

Thanks for your time.

Best,

The Alaska Film Group

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From: Matt Unterberger <underthemountain@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: HB 112

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Dear Rep. Olson,

Please do not support HB 112. It would kill a recently growing film industry in Alaska.

Please consider keeping the Film Tax Incentive alive in our state!

Thank You,

Matt Unterberger
Chugiak,AK

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From: MG's APPLE <wallin_mg@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 1:23 PM
To: House Labor and Commerce
Subject: deleting funding for the alaska film industry

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The positive impacts that come from the agency that is responsible for bringing film companies to Alaska far outweigh any budgetary savings that will come from underfunding such an agency. Part of what you all are supposed to do is to bring economic prosperity to Alaskans, underfunding does not do this. Don't forget that if a film company comes up here they have to spend money, money that gets circulated in the Alaskan economy, which in turn means more funds into the state coffers.

v/r
Milton Wallin

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From: TBA Theatre <tbasummeracademy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:53 AM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: Vote No on HB 112

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March 12th, 2013

Dear Labor and Commerce Committee Members,

I am concerned that HB 112, introduced by Rep Stoltze, threatens to eliminate Alaska's Film Tax Credit Incentive Program. As a local actor, theatre educator and event facilitator I can testify to the benefit that the film incentive program has had on all three of those aspects of Alaska's arts and business communities.

HB 112 is a terrible idea! Please do not allow it to move forward.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mitchell

Education Director

TBA Theatre



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March 12, 2013

Labor & Commerce Members
House of Representatives, State of Alaska

Re: HB 112
Repeal of the film production tax credit

Honorable Legislatures:

We have been on record in the past in support of the Alaska film production tax credits in order to encourage the film industry to invest in Alaska's economy. Film productions in this state encourage the private industry to make capital improvement/investments, hire and train local talent, and increase the economic base of Alaska – especially in the critical “off-peak” seasons.

Alaska Rent A Car, Inc has seen first hand the benefits of the film industry in Alaska and we feel HB 112 will effectively kill an industry that is just now starting to get traction in Alaska. We are a small, locally owned and operated licensee of the Avis Rent A Car System, employing about 100 full-time employees at a dozen locations throughout Alaska. We have felt the positive impact of productions at almost every location we serve throughout this state.

The car rental industry provides a “vehicle” for the state to collect approximately \$22,000,000 in State Vehicle Rental Taxes, local Vehicle Rental Taxes, local “driver facility fees”, state and local airport concession fees, local sales taxes, and state and local property taxes. Instead of looking at the film production tax credit from the negative we encourage you to look at the positive benefits that this program brings to the state. Increased productions bring in additional state and local taxes (vehicle rental tax, bed taxes, sales taxes).....something that state and local government agencies can actually take to the bank. There is a huge trickle down effect from productions that probably go largely unnoticed (increased food/beverage sales at local eateries, catering services, hotel/motel revenues, travel expense), not to mention the increasing employee base that is vital to provide a diversified economy from the state.

We would encourage you to support the current film production tax credit program set to begin July 1, 2013 and vote against HB 112.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Gary Zimmerman
General Manager
Alaska Rent A Car, Inc.



March 12, 2013

Honorable House Labor and Commerce Committee Members
Juneau, AK

RE: HB112

Dear Labor and Commerce Committee Members:

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan and as an Administrator with Alaska Crew Training, Inc. Over 150 Alaskan's have already come through our training programs with the hope of finding work in Alaska's growing film industry – and many have.

We've seen several talented, motivated individuals enter the business within weeks of training and rapidly rise into department positions. It can happen and is happening daily, weekly, monthly. The state had the vision to support training. I'm asking that you as our elected representatives now have the vision to carry this incentive program through.

HB112 will essentially kill any future sustainable growth in Alaska's Film Industry. It abandons individuals and businesses with 100's, 1,000's, Millions invested thus far into schooling, equipment, and infrastructure and support services. None of them can afford to write off their capital.

Alaska makes the wrong kind of news as you wager with the future of the film tax incentive program. It makes for harmful headlines, that Producers (investors) see as a lack of stability in our film program. They will take their "Northern Exposures", "Big Miracles", and "Guardians" to other states, other countries, with stable film programs and Alaska's economy, businesses and jobs will take the hit. No projects will come north without film incentives... it's that simple and that critical that we have them in place.

I ask that you also think of the ancillary investments in related industries, many that see a benefit from the film here - not just tourism related industries but Alaska's mining, fishing, retail, banking and communication corporations as they utilize those film tax credits as tax relief. With tax relief, companies are able to spend more on equipment and Alaskans, like those trainees in the photo attached.

I urge you to be mindful of them all when you review HB112 and consider the wake of your impact. Please act accordingly when you vote – many dollars, dreams and futures hang in the balance.

Thank you,

Bob Crockett
Program Administrator
Alaska Crew Training, Inc



March 9, 2013 Film Workshop Students

Konrad Jackson

From: Craneopno1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Konrad Jackson
Subject: RE: HB 112
Attachments: scan0032.pdf

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Dear Mr. Jackson,

Hello. My name is Terry Quirk and an Alaska Resident of District 27. I have also sent this information to Representative Kurt Olson. As his Chief of Staff, you should also have this information. I should have sent you a CC, so anyway here it is.

I have concerns about a piece of legislation, HB 112, before the House Labor and Commerce Committee, concerning the Alaska Film Tax Credit Incentive Program.

I respectfully ask that my voice be heard.

As the small business owner of Aurora Truck Rental & Leasing, Anchorage, AK, I think it would be a mistake for HB 112 to proceed.

Please find my attachment which details some of the concerns I have regarding HB 112.

Thank you for your review and support of my position on this piece of legislation.

Terry J Quirk/owner
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March 12th, 2013

Dear Labor and Commerce Committee Members,

Hello and please let me introduce myself. My name is Terry Quirk, owner of Aurora Truck Rental & Leasing, based in Anchorage Alaska. My company was formed with the sole intent of providing services to the newly formed Alaska Film Industry.

Since starting our business in the fall of 2010, we have benefited from full feature film productions shot in Alaska including **Walking With Dinosaurs 3D** and **Frozen Ground**. Having worked closely with these films, both as a leasing company owner and as a hired transportation coordinator, I can report that many other equipment rental companies like my own, have benefited from film productions made in Alaska. It takes an unbelievable amount of trucks and equipment to produce a full feature film, most all of it rented locally.

In dollars being injected into the local economy, each one of these productions is the equivalent to a large scale construction project. Additionally, these productions are usually being done at a time of year when the Alaska economy is beginning to flatten out due to the coming of winter. These film companies are filling up hotels with key movie personnel at a time of year when the tourism industry is winding down. Retailers and furniture stores are selling what become props on sets, and these items are going into empty warehouses being rented by film companies. On days off from filming, key movie folks from lower 48 are buying in the gift shops downtown, eating at restaurants, flying out on fishing trips, sightseeing trips, and spending their money exploring our great State of Alaska. Local Alaskan workers are busy working, driving trucks and building sets when many would ordinarily be seasonally laid off. Many Alaskans are getting the rare opportunity to work with and learn new skill sets from professional camera and lighting experts in their field. These opportunities would not be possible if it were not for Alaska's Film Tax Credit Incentive Program. Please understand that a full feature Hollywood film funnels a lot of money into the local economy at a time when it really appreciates a good shot in the arm, and does so in a very short time. The Alaska Film Tax Credit Incentive Program has been positive for both Alaska and Alaskans.

It has come to my attention that HB 112, introduced by Rep Stoltze, threatens to eliminate Alaska's Film Tax Credit Incentive Program, thereby killing this emerging industry before it ever gets a chance to fully develop. I know firsthand, the film industry has had a positive economic impact on both my business and my community. In fact, a 2012 Legislative Audit of the program showed a \$2 increase in economic output for every \$1 of tax credit issued by the State.

I also understand that tax credits are awarded only after the conclusion of filming, after dollars have circulated through the economy and all those dollars are verified by an independent, state certified CPA.

If HB 112 should pass my business will suffer:

- **HB112 would kill the film industry** resulting in a loss of revenue to my business and eliminating jobs for Alaskans.
- The film program is vital to my business and eliminating it before allowing it to go into effect is a major setback.

- Millions have already been invested in a sound stage, trucks and equipment...**how do we recover from this investment?**
- Hundreds of Alaskans have been trained and others are scheduled to be trained....**how does the future look for our emerging workforce?**
- Alaskan companies see tax relief by purchasing tax credits, allowing for new investments and new jobs for the Alaskan workforce.

The global film industry is extremely competitive. **HB112 has sent a chill through the industry.** Productions searching around the world for a reliable, stable environment are now looking at Alaska as unstable and too risky to invest. With the possibility of the new 10-year program being repealed before it even goes into effect, producers will simply not invest time/energy or money into future projects in Alaska.

Economic diversification is good for everyone. This bill will eliminate the Alaska Film Incentive program, decrease efforts to diversify our economy, eliminate jobs and discourage those hoping to invest in careers and business opportunities that support economic growth in Alaska. It is crucial that HB112 not be allowed to move forward.

Thank you for your time with this important issue...

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Quirk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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