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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:			
CHAIR:			
I move to amen	d <u>HB2110</u>		
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1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA							
2	1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)							
3	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE							
4	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2110 By: Osburn							
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8	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE							
9	An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Sections 3621, 3622, 3624, as amended by							
10	Section 47, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2022, 3625 and 3626 (68 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3624), which relate to the Compete with Canada Film Act; modifying short							
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12	title; modifying legislative findings; providing definitions; modifying provisions related to incentive payments; modifying references; modifying							
13	provisions related to revolving fund; repealing 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3623, as amended by Section 43, Chapter 59, O.S.L. 2024 (68 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3623), which relates to definitions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.							
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:							
19	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3621, is							
20	amended to read as follows:							
21	Section 3621. This act shall be known and may be cited as the							
22	"Compete with Canada Film Act" "Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood							
23	Pilot Program Act".							
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SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3622, is 1 2 amended to read as follows: Section 3622. The Legislature hereby finds that the production 3 4 of films live audience episodic television in Oklahoma not only 5 provides jobs for Oklahomans and dollars for Oklahoma businesses, but also enhances the state's image nationwide with a focus on 6 7 authentic storytelling targeting Middle America. Recognizing The Legislature also finds that the high costs of film production are 8 9 driving motion picture and television production out of the country, 10 most notably to Canada, and that the film entertainment industry is 11 always seeking attractive economical locations that can help cut the 12 costs of production, the. The Legislature further finds that the 13 State of Oklahoma, with the appropriate incentive, can become an 14 attractive a strategic site for film live audience episodic 15 television production and that Oklahoma is presently among several 16 states with minimal incentives to attract the film industry. It is 17 therefore the intent of the Legislature that Oklahoma provide an a 18 pilot program incentive that will stand out among those of other 19 states and increase film specifically for live audience episodic 20 television production in this state, carving out a niche in the 21 industry that Oklahoma can be known for. 22 A new section of law to be codified SECTION 3. NEW LAW 23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3623.1 of Title 68, unless there 24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act:

- 1. "Above-the-line personnel" means producers, principal cast, screenwriters, and directors who work on production of films or television series. The qualifying salary of above-the-line personnel may be included as crew, as defined in paragraph 3 of this section, if the salaries are paid to loan-out corporations and limited liability companies registered to do business in this state or the salaries are paid to Oklahoma-based above-the-line personnel. The qualifying salary of above-the-line personnel shall not comprise more than twenty-five percent (25%) of total expenditures as defined in paragraph 4 of this section. For purposes of this paragraph, "Oklahoma-based" means a company or individual with an Oklahoma income tax requirement;
- 2. "Apprentice" means a person who works for a skilled or qualified person in order to learn a trade or profession for an agreed-upon period of time. An apprentice may work in any of the trades recognized by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce as necessary for a film production. An apprentice shall be required to complete safety training appropriate for the duties to be performed in connection with a qualified project and also to complete a course related to and with the objective of preventing workplace misbehavior, such as bullying and sexual harassment;

3. "Crew" means any person who works on preproduction, principal photography, and post-production, with the exception of above-the-line personnel;

- 4. "Expenditure" or "production cost" includes but is not limited to:
 - a. wages or salaries of persons who are residents of this state or who are enrolled as full-time students at a college or university located in the state offering an undergraduate degree program or who are on active military duty and stationed in Oklahoma or involved in a restorative workforce program and who have earned income from working on a film in this state including payments to personal services corporations with respect to the services of qualified performing artists, pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 62(a)(2),
 - the cost of construction and operations, wardrobe,
 accessories, and related services,
 - c. the cost of photography, sound synchronization, lighting, and related services,
 - d. the cost of editing and related services,
 - e. rental of facilities and equipment,
 - f. other direct costs of producing a film, and

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g. the wages and salaries of persons who are defined and registered as an Oklahoma Expatriate by the Oklahoma Film and Music Office;

- 5. "Live audience episodic series" means an episodic television series that is filmed in front of a live audience, which is not child sexual abuse material as defined in subsection A of Section 1024.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or obscene material as defined in paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 1024.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes including, but not limited to, live audience episodic series to be licensed for exhibition by individual television stations, groups of stations, networks, cable television stations, or other means or licensed for home viewing markets;
- 6. "Live audience episodic television" means episodic television filmed in front of a live audience intended for broadcast on network television, cable, and streaming platforms. The audience would consist of a minimum of fifty people;
- 7. "Nonresident crew member" means a person who is not an Oklahoma resident, hired for a qualifying production project occurring within the state and who is subject to the payment of Oklahoma employment taxes;
- 8. "Production company" means a person, producer, or company who produces film for exhibition in theaters, on television, or elsewhere;

9. "Qualified production expenditure amount" means an expenditure defined pursuant to paragraph 4 of this section; and

- 10. "Qualified soundstage facility" means a state-certified, industry standard soundstage facility having not less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet of combined soundstage space and with a total state rental cost to the production company equal to at least three percent (3%) of the qualifying Oklahoma expenditures with respect to a production.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3624, as amended by Section 47, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2022 (68 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3624), is amended to read as follows:

Enhancement Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Rebate Pilot

Program. A rebate in the amount of up to seventeen percent (17%) of documented expenditures made in Oklahoma directly attributable to the production of a film, live audience episodic series for television production, or television commercial, as defined in Section 3623 of this title, in this state, may be paid to the production company responsible for the live audience production.

Provided, for documented expenditures made after July 1, 2009, the rebate amount shall be thirty-five percent (35%), except as provided in subsection B of this section. Provided, for documented expenditures made after July 1, 2025, the base incentive amount for a project filmed in this state, not including nonresident above-the-

line personnel, shall be a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the qualified expenditure amount, and twenty percent (20%) for wages paid to nonresident crew, not including nonresident above-the-line personnel.

- B. The amount of rebate paid to the production company as provided for in subsection A of this section shall be increased by an additional two percent (2%) of documented expenditures if a production company spends at least Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the use of music created by an Oklahoma resident that is recorded in Oklahoma or for the cost of recording songs or music in Oklahoma for use in the production.
- C. The rebate program shall be administered by the Oklahoma

 Film and Music Office within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Tax Commission, as provided in the Compete with Canada

 Film Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act.
 - D. C. To be eligible for a rebate payment:
- 1. The production company responsible for a film, television production, or television commercial, live audience episodic series as defined in Section 3623 of this title, made in this state shall submit an application and documentation to the Oklahoma Film and Music Office of the amount of wages paid for employment in this state to residents of this state directly relating to the production and the amount of other expenditure or production costs cost incurred in this state directly relating to the production;

2. The production company has filed or will file any Oklahoma tax return or tax document which may be required by law;

- 3. Except major studio productions, the production company shall provide the name of the completion guarantor and a copy of the bond guaranteeing the completion of the project or if a film has not secured a completion bond, the The production company shall provide evidence that all Oklahoma crew and local vendors have been paid and there are no liens against the production company pending in the state;
- 4. The minimum budget for the film live audience episodic

 series shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of which not

 less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be

 expended in this state Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

 per episode with a minimum of six episodes per season;
- 5. The production company shall provide evidence of financing for production prior to the commencement of principal photography; and
- 6. The production company shall provide evidence of a certificate of general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and a workers' compensation policy pursuant to state law, which shall include coverage of employer's liability.
- $\overline{\text{E. D.}}$ A production company shall not be eligible to receive both a rebate payment pursuant to the provisions of Section 3621 et

seq. of this title this act and an exemption from sales taxes 1 pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 23 of Section 1357 of this title. If a production company has received such an exemption from 3 sales taxes and submits a claim for rebate pursuant to the 4 5 provisions of the Compete with Canada Film Act Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act, the company shall be required to 6 7 fully repay the amount of the exemption to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. A claim for a rebate shall include documentation from 8 the Oklahoma Tax Commission that repayment has been made as required 10 herein or shall include an affidavit from the production company 11 that the company has not received an exemption from sales taxes 12 pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 21 of Section 1357 of this 13 title.

F. E. The Office Department of Commerce Oklahoma Film and Music Office shall approve or disapprove all claims for rebate and shall notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall, upon notification of approval from the Oklahoma Film and Music Office, issue payment for all approved claims from funds in the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Revolving Fund created in Section 3625 of this title. Excluding any rebate payments to high impact productions as provided for in subsection G of this section, the The amount of claims prequalified and approved by the Office for any single fiscal year shall not exceed Eight Million Dollars

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(\$8,000,000.00) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). If the amount of approved claims exceeds the amount specified in this subsection in a fiscal year, payments shall be made in the order in which the claims are approved by the Oklahoma Film and Music Office. If an approved claim is not paid in whole or in part, the unpaid claim or unpaid portion may be paid in the following fiscal year subject to the limitations specified in this subsection. The liability of the State of Oklahoma to make incentive payments pursuant to this act shall be limited to the balance of the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund upon the availability of funds.

- C. 1. At the time the Oklahoma Film and Music Office issues a conditional prequalification for a production, such prequalification may include a proposed designation as a high impact production, as defined in Section 3623 of this title.
- 2. The proposed designation must be approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Commerce.
- 3. If the high impact production otherwise meets all of the requirements of the Compete with Canada Act and the Office gives final approval to rebate claims, such rebate claims shall not be subject to the Eight Million Dollar (\$8,000,000.00) cap provided for in subsection F of this section.
- 4. The payment of a rebate claim approved by the Office for a production designated as a high impact production by the Cabinet Secretary may be made as follows:

a. by special appropriation to the Oklahoma Film

Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund, if the claim is approved during a regular or special session of the Oklahoma Legislature, or

b. by payment from the Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund
pursuant to Section 48.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma
Statutes, if the claim is approved when the Oklahoma
Legislature is not in session.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3624A of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to the final approval of the eligibility application by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, a requirement that the incentive payments made pursuant to the provisions of the act achieve the maximum positive impact for the Oklahoma economy and subject to the Oklahoma workforce requirements of this title, the base incentive amount for a project filmed in this state, not including nonresident above-the-line personnel, shall be a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the qualified production expenditure amount. An incentive for a project filmed in this state for wages paid to nonresident crew, not including above-the-line personnel, shall be provided in the amount of twenty percent (20%) for wages paid on or after April 1, 2023.

B. In addition to the amount authorized by subsection A of this section, there may be an additional incentive amount, subject to the final approval of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, in the maximum amount of:

- 1. Three percent (3%) of the qualified production expenditure amount for projects where at least twenty-five percent (25%) of main crew principal photography days are filmed on location, excluding soundstage production, in any county of this state if the county has a population of less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) persons according to the Federal Decennial Census or most recent population estimate;
- 2. Two percent (2%) of the qualified production expenditure amount for projects whose hub location, as determined by the Department, is for projects where at least twenty-five percent (25%) of main crew principal photography days are filmed on location, excluding soundstage production, in a municipality having a population of thirteen thousand (13,000) or fewer persons according to the Federal Decennial Census or most recent population estimate regardless of the county in which the municipality is located or partially located;
- 3. Five percent (5%) of the qualified production expenditure amount for soundstage expenditures if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of main crew principal photography days are filmed at a qualified soundstage facility;

- 4. For eligible live audience episodic television series as defined in this title, five percent (5%) of the qualified production expenditure amount if a live audience episodic television series is filmed for one or more seasons with a minimum of six episodes per season;
- 5. Two percent (2%) of the qualified production expenditure amounts paid to an Oklahoma vendor for the post-production expenses of:
 - a. music production, recording, mixing, or composition, or
 - b. licensing of Oklahoma music, with a minimum expenditure of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00);
- 6. Three percent (3%) of the qualified production expenditure amount based on expenditures paid to Oklahoma vendors for post-production expenses with a minimum expenditure of three percent (3%) of Oklahoma production expenditures. Post-production expenditures include, but are not limited to, the following categories:
 - a. sound recording or mixing,
 - b. color grading,
 - c. editorial work,
 - d. visual effects,
 - e. animation,

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- f. deliverables, excluding marketing and advertising,
- g. editing equipment or editing facility rental,

h. color grading or digital intermediate processing,

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 audio post-production processes including Foley artist processes or services, and

- j. graphics, including, but not limited to, the GFX system.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section or the provisions of the act to the contrary, in no case shall the total incentive payments authorized by this section exceed thirty percent (30%) of the otherwise qualified production expenditure amount. The incentive payment amount prescribed by subsection A of this section may be used in any combination with the additional incentive amounts authorized by subsection B of this section, but the combination of the incentive amounts shall not exceed thirty percent (30%).
- D. To qualify for the maximum twenty percent (20%) base incentive payment authorized for Oklahoma production projects pursuant to subsection A of this section, the production project shall utilize the services of apprentices according to the following requirements:
- 1. For a production with Oklahoma expenditures of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) or less, two apprentices;
- 2. For a production with Oklahoma expenditures greater than Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) and Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) or less, four apprentices;

3. For a production with Oklahoma expenditures greater than Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) and Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or less, eight apprentices; and

- 4. For a production with Oklahoma expenditures greater than Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), sixteen apprentices.
- E. All production projects for which any incentive is paid pursuant to the provisions of the Filmed in Oklahoma Act of 2021 shall contain a logo, as approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, to be displayed in the credits of the finished production for a period of at least five (5) seconds or, if the production does not contain credits, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall obtain a commitment by the production company to provide equivalent value as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3625, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3625. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in the fund, any public or private donations, contributions, and gifts received for the benefit of the fund and any amounts appropriated by the Oklahoma Legislature. All monies

accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Tax Commission for the purpose of paying rebates as provided in this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

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- B. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall apportion, from the revenues which would otherwise be apportioned to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of Section 2352 of this title, an amount that the Commission estimates to be necessary to pay the rebates provided by Section 3624 of this title to the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund.
- C. The Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund shall continue in existence until all properly approved projects are fully paid out, or until July 1, 2028. Once all projects are fully paid out, or by July 1, 2028, any funds remaining the Commission shall transfer to the fund established in subsection D of this section.
- D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission which are specifically required by law to be deposited in

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                       AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3626, is
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    amended to read as follows:
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        Section 3626. The provisions of the Compete with Canada Film
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22 SECTION 8. REPEALER 68 O.S. 2021, Section 3623, as
23 amended by Section 43, Chapter 59, O.S.L. 2024 (68 O.S. Supp. 2024,
24 Section 3623), is hereby repealed.

Act Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act shall be

terminated effective July 1, 2027 2032, and no claim shall be paid

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