

“IN FOCUS”

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The Beaufort area has been the backdrop for more than 20 major motion pictures including Forrest Gump, Prince of Tides and The Big Chill. But in recent years, many films have gone to other states. The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce knows the economic importance of bringing the film industry back to the area and is supporting legislation that is currently active in both the South Carolina House and Senate (S.163 and H.3357). These are designed to attract more motion picture productions to South Carolina. This legislation is sponsored by Senator Paul Campbell (Charleston), Representative Phyllis Henderson (Greenville), and Bill Herbkersman (Beaufort). These bills increase the wage rebates provided to motion picture production companies that spend at least \$1M in South Carolina to 20 percent from 15 percent, and to 25 percent for residents of South Carolina. They also increase supplier rebates to motion picture production companies for expenses with South Carolina suppliers to 30 percent from 15 percent. According to the Board of Economic Advisors, the bills have \$0 fiscal impact

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