

What do our CUSTOMERS LOVE about us? P060031 1/06

SERVICE. COVERAGE. PRICE.



J Todd Inman, Agent Click here for more information



sell your car miAutoMover.com



- Site Menu
- Reader Options
- Place Classified Ad
- Free Access Menu

Front Page

- News
- Sports
- Columnists
- Opinion
- Features
- Classified

Search Engine

Search Jobs



User Login

Hello, bmccubbins@roadrunner.com

Logout

News Sections

Region

Elections

U.S. & World

War

Special Projects

Records

Anniversaries

Births & Adoptions

Courts & Reports

Obituaries

Real Estate

Weddings

Popular Areas

Messenger-Inquirer Special Publications

Real Estate Inside Out

PDF Edition

GoodFellows

Citizens' Reference Page

Newspaper In Education

Special Publications

GO!

Community Calendar

Obituary Policy

OwensboroMLS.com

Lottery Results

Weather

Ask the Editor



3 movies looking at region

3/18/2008

Their decisions to film in area likely hinge on incentives bill

By [Keith Lawrence](#)

Messenger-Inquirer

If the Kentucky General Assembly can approve House Bill 756 in the next 10 days, Owensboro could see production of three movies, each with a budget in the \$10 million range, in the next year.

Between \$5 million and \$6 million from each film would likely be spent in Owensboro and the surrounding area, said Madison Silvert, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp.'s vice president for entrepreneurship and high-tech development.

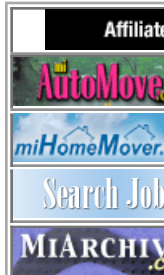
The first -- a family film about an autistic child and a racehorse -- is considering filming at Henderson County's Ellis Park as well as sites in Daviess and Ohio counties.

"Obviously, a lot of it would be at Ellis Park," Silvert said Monday. "But they looked at several locations here."

Rep. Tommy Thompson introduced the bill March 4 to provide incentives to producers who use Kentucky locations to film movies or television programs. But it's still in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, and the deadline for legislation to pass both houses of the Legislature is March 28.

"We're still making progress," Thompson, a Philpot Democrat, said Monday. "I had a series of meetings last week with consultants for the film industry, officials of cities like Owensboro and members of the governor's staff. We're about to get the amendments completed."

The bill as written includes incentives of up to 25 percent of the amount movies spend in Kentucky.



Contests

No contest at this time.

But Silvert said Louisiana gives producers a transferable tax credit of 35 percent of whatever they spend in the state.

And Michigan is considering a 40 percent across-the-board tax incentive.

Kentucky currently refunds its entire 6 percent sales tax to motion picture and TV production companies for taxable expenses made in the state while they're filming.

If Kentucky doesn't approve more than 25 percent, Silvert said, the movie about the autistic child and the racehorse will likely go to Louisiana.

Thompson said he's working to find a way to make the incentives attractive to filmmakers without causing too big of blow to the state's depleted budget.

"We need to get it out of committee by Wednesday at the latest," he said. "We're getting into a compressed time frame, but I think we're about there. I think the Senate will be supportive if we can get it down there."

Silvert said he hopes that if the area can attract several films in one year, "we can capture the momentum and become a real film center."

Owensboro and Henderson are working to create a Northwest Kentucky Film Commission, which will work to bring production to this part of the state.



[Back to top](#)

MESSENGER-INQUIRER

in partnership with

YAHOO! hotjobs

Find more local jobs. Search now

[Change Account Info](#) | [News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Columnists](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Features](#) | [Classified](#) | [About Us](#)

[Newspaper In Education](#) | [E-mail Directory](#) | [How To Advertise](#) | [Internet Safety](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Rack Locations](#) | [Site Help](#) | [Work For Us](#)