

SB 1550

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 9:37 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mauisage@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Angela Amenta
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mauisage@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

This would be great for the islands of Hawaii. There are several of us in the industry who travel to the mainland to work instead of staying in our beloved Hawaii. Bring the money and the jobs here.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 11:07 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: tmarks14@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Theresa Marks
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I am a mother of three talented children - actors and musicians. They work with one of the top acting coaches in Hollywood. Our oldest is also a songwriter. She recently won a contest and had a Skype session just 2 days ago with a top producer of kid's tv. (Irene Draeyer, producer of the Suite Life on Deck). This woman loved my daughter and feels she is ready to work. Here is my daughter's YouTube to give you a perspective:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/skysmile108>

We live in Maui. There is very little acting/ performing arts work here! Also please look into a group called Gamekids, a professional group of talented kids.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQnuTX9PBN0>

With the natural beauty and great weather here, if a studio were here there would be a lot of opportunities for economic growth for the islands. Just last year 2 major motion pictures were filmed on Maui. And if there were a studio here, my kids would be auditioning and working as much as possible. Like I have suggested, there are hundreds of talented kids on Maui. Last October our kids' coach came to Maui to do a workshop and I organized it. It was easy to get students to attend and fill the spaces just by word of mouth. Here is the coaches website: <http://www.chambersstevens.com/home.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:55 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: phillyhaile@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Phillipos Haile
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:24 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: kidstunts@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Munoz
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:26 AM
To: WAM Testimony
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Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marisa Munoz
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: happyrisa14@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 12:34 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: swartzg001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: gregory swartz
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/25/2011

Comments:

This proposal is outrageous in the State's current economic condition. There has been inadequate study as to whether the State is actually benefiting from the existing tax credits. Even with the current program, there is no evaluation as to which projects should be supported and which should not. The assignment of the credits is merely a way of making the rich wealthier at the expense of the poor and middle class. This is a major grab at taxpayer resources.

From: Louis Maytorena [louie@tvstar.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:36 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Bill 1550 is beneficial for the state.

We need to continue to attract more television & movie productions to our state of Hawaii. The impact to our states tourism is fantastic. Not a day goes by that my friends, from the mainland, have something to say about the Hawaii 5-0 or Off the Map for instance. The imagery fuels there desire to want to come to Hawaii as soon as this Summer.

What is better than a hour-long commercial showing off the islands best scenery, people, and products. We need to attract work of this type to this island to continue to mesmerize our audience and showcase our products.

Please pass **Bill 1550**. It will keep tourism healthy & everyone working.

Thank you,

Louis Maytorena

From: Bob Silva [threetomake2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 11:56 AM
To: WAM Testimony

Support of SB 1550,

I am in support of SB 1550. Maui County is in need of quality jobs. A motion picture and TV production facility on Maui will benefit the entire state of Hawaii. Lets welcome a business that wants to be here and is not tourist related ,in other words diversify. Please plan for our future and make this a win win situation for all.

Mahalo,
Bob Silva
Kihei, HI

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:37 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: stuart@IsseiProductions.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1550 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stuart Hirotsu
Organization: Issei Productions
Address:
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E-mail: stuart@IsseiProductions.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:
aloha

Please support SB1550.

By encouraging media production in Hawaii, we can create and foster new business and career opportunities that will not be subject to the ups and downs of tourism.

Fed by the film program at UH, the film and video industry in Hawaii could, with your help, become an important part of our economy.

Take a good look at the massive amount of work being taken out of Hollywood and being done in British Columbia. Once that community created the support, they attracted the talents and facilities and became major players.

We can do that here in Hawaii.

From: Brandi Argel [wihpageants@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 7:29 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Testimony for Hawaii Film Incentive Bill 1550

Aloha,


My name is Brandi Argel and I would like to include my testimony in support of the Hawaii Film Incentive Bill 1550. As a rookie to the film industry, I have seen it blossom into a larger than life business. By bringing in these Production companies, Their Cast and Crew, It generates a vast amount of revenue and opportunity not only for the people who are in the entertainment business but local businesses to include Hotels, Restaurants, Stores as well as the Airlines industry.

I would like to share a recent personal experience of mine. While speaking with a couple originally from Oregon, Upon sharing where we are originally from, Do you know what was the first words to be spoken by them when I said that I am from Hawai'i? Of course, They mentioned our beautiful weather and scenery that they have seen through photos and postcards... What stood out to me was that they said, They are fans of a local television show currently in production and to see in video of what our Land and People are about. That was their deal breaker in making the decision to visit Hawai'i. This is their first trip out of state and they've chosen to visit US. Why? Because of the visual presentation that television shows and movies have brought to them.

"He Hawai'i Au" - Which translates to "I am Hawai'i". We are all affected. Please vote in favor of the Hawaii Film Incentive and let us bring Hawai'i, Our people and culture, To the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

Brandi Argel

From: Sally Davis [kaleidavis@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 10:43 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Sally Davis- Actress-Bill 155 

I am in support of this bill...we really need the jobs that tis would create! I am a union actress and make 1/2 my living through the TV and Films shot here in Hawaii!

Thank you,
Sally Davis

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From: Wyatt Knight [stagesinfo2002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 5:07 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: sb1550 sb318

My name is Wyatt Knight. I have been an actor in film and television for more than thirty years. I live in Hawaii and I am writing today about sb1550 sb318. Here in Hawaii we have many film industry professionals and an army of willing trainees. Building studios in Hawaii would create thousands of, much needed, new jobs and new business opportunities for Hawaiians. It would also create new revenue for existing hotels, restaurants and shops. Film makers would benefit from our "Aloha" spirit and; our vast and varied landscapes and climates. It's truly a win/win situation. Please vote to bring studios to this great state.

Sincerely,
Wyatt Knight

From: Kalai Strode [kalaistrode@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 9:57 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: WE NEED MORE TAX INCENTIVES FOR THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY

I am in support of Bill 1550, Tax Incentives for TV and Movies in Hawaii. About 20 years ago, Stephen Cannell Productions which produced THE A TEAM, took their crew to North Carolina to shoot a tv episode. The people there DID NOT WANT the movie people shooting in their town. It would be too disruptive. So Stephen Cannell did a very exemplary thing. He paid the crews in \$2 bills. So naturally, the crews bought things using their \$2 bills. In a few days, the whole town was flooded with \$2 bills, and they realized how much economic currency was being pumped into their businesses. It was a great demonstration of the trickle down effect. Movie crews here in Hawaii are nearly all locals, who spend money here in Hawaii, pay taxes, support causes, and keep our coffers filled. Please offer steep tax incentives so that companies like Reality can build studios here in Hawaii which will guarantee 20 movies per year, and a healthy vibrant and prosperous industry for Hawaii for generations of local boys and girls to engage in and build families and communities here in Hawaii, not on the mainland somewhere. Thank you, Kalai Strode P.O. Box 8539 Honolulu HI 96830 (808)722-4342.