

April 6, 2011

Hawaii State Legislature
House of Representative
Finance Committee

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LATE TESTIMONY

RE: **In Support of SB 318**

Aloha Kakou Chairperson Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Finance Committee;

During these bad economic times it is not easy for most people, most family, most businesses, and most governments to make decisions that will not hinder their economic prosperity. SB 318 offers an opportunity to bring in outside investments into Hawaii right now when we need it the most. This is an industry that is growing. There are no shorts cuts to make this happen. The jobs created from SB318 employs our local talented professional technicians.

Let us move forward by doing what we can to grow the economy and not kill it.

IATSE Local 665, the Union behind entertainment supports this bill and I ask humbly asks for your support of SB318.

If there are any questions that I could be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo nui loa kakou,

Ben Shafer

FINTestimony

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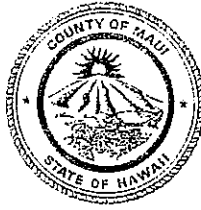
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Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Alan Arakawa, Mayor
Jock Yamaguchi, Executive Assistant
County of Maui

DATE: **Hearing of April 6, 2011**

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY OF MAUI COUNTY MAYOR ALAN ARAKAWA IN
SUPPORT OF SB318 RELATING TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN
HAWAII**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB318 relating to Business Development in Hawaii.

The County of Maui supports the intent of this measure which we believe will benefit the entire State of Hawaii by bringing a new industry to the state, and thereby diversifying and stimulating our economy, creating new jobs for our residents, and producing long term opportunities through training/deeming programs for our children.

According to Andy Meyers, CEO of Shangri-La Construction, each stage built in the State of Hawaii would inject approximately \$140 million into our economy via the hiring of local labor and purchasing materials locally over a two year period. Each movie filmed in Hawaii (i.e. \$90 million movie) would also create approximately 193 local jobs immediately.

Our research shows that on March 5, 2011, the governor of Puerto Rico signed a new law that increased the amount of its existing tax credits. In passing the law, the Film Commissioner announced that in 2010, 12 projects were filmed on the island, creating 17,528 jobs and 22,671 hotel nights. Approximately \$70 million was injected into the local economy via a dozen movies, TV series and documentaries.

As Mayor of Maui County I am committed to working in partnership with the State regarding this bill.

We thank you for considering our testimony and humbly ask for your support for SB318.

TOM LOFTUS

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SB 318

~~HB 1551~~, The Amendment to Section 235-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

Section 235-17 (c)(2) is deleted and replaced with the following:

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“(c)(2) The qualified media infrastructure project tax credit shall be refundable and assignable.”

Section 235-17 (c)(5)(C) is deleted and replaced with the following:

“(c)(5)(C) No tax credit shall be allowed for expenditures made for any infrastructure project prior to July 1, 2011. No tax credit shall be allowed unless thirty per cent of the total base investment provided for in the initial certification of the project has been expended and audited by an independent certified accountant; provided that the expenditures may be finally certified following an audit by an independent certified public accountant at a later date; and”

Hawaii Actors Network Actors/Filmmakers Testimony SB318

To Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the state of Hawaii:

I wish you let you know that I am in full support of the proposed Senate Bill 318 for these reasons.

As a retired U. S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), it has been through the television media over the years (Hawaii Five-0 and Magnum P.I.) that I always wanted to live in Hawaii. In August of 2010, I purchased a condo near the Ala Moana Center and life over here has been really good. I didn't come over here to be a part of Hawaii Five-0, but after a few weeks and having attended a casting call, I feel like one of the luckiest people alive being a "background extra" for the series as well as becoming the best I can be in the film industry and in support of Hawaii's economic growth.

Having worked with successful teams in the U. S. Air Force (key member in maintaining the nation's B-2 stealth bomber fleet in Missouri), professional motor sports (NASCAR), and having a graduate degree in International Marketing, I am qualified and convinced that the local film industry team is aggressively seeking positive growth and return on investment for the State of Hawaii today and beyond.

Mahalo!

Hawaii Actors Network Member

Ronald F. Riles
Chief Ronald F. Riles, USAF (Ret.)

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We need the Movie Industrial in Hawaii without them we have no jobs. When the actors comes to Hawaii they spend a lot of money while living here, plus they bring more money into the islands. When the Movie Industrial starts making movies like Pirates Of The Caribbean, Lost, Hawaii 5 0, etc. they also bring in the tourist, tourists loves hinging around the stars.

Hawaii has become a very popular place to make movies because the islands has a beauty that attracts the producers, without the Movie Industrials, Hawaii will be struggling for money.

So pass the Bill 318 and give the Hawaii Actors Network & Hawaii 5 0 to continue filming in Hawaii & a tax break.

Mahalo!

Hawaii Actors Network Member

Janet Horn-tapia