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WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

February 10, 2011

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

I have been asked to provide my personal support on behalf of HB 1551 (duplicate for SB 1550).

After reviewing the bill and working closely with Shangri-La, this is exactly the kind of credit, training program, commitment to build, and company affiliation (with Relativity) that the state of Hawaii needs to turn its economy around.

Currently, you have the lowest number of people employed by the film business of any state that has a credit/rebate program, and you have no structure to service this program. Each year, the number of people employed by your program decreases, and yet, more and more films are shot worldwide.

The proposed bill will lead to the employment of many people both in the construction of stages and in the entertainment industry as a whole, and it will create long-term sustainable jobs as the film industry dramatically expands. According to the comparative analysis used by every other state, the passage of this bill should increase the value of Hawaii's film-based economy from \$20 million to over \$800 million in the first year alone.

The Shangri-La/Relativity commitment to build the most environmentally friendly stages in existence, coupled with the economic benefits of this bill and Hawaii's timeless appeal, will make Hawaii the most attractive place in the world to shoot a film.

I hope that you will pass this bill and give your beautiful state the growth and employment it needs and deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Clinton".

William Jefferson Clinton

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In support of SB318 SD2

The importance of passing this bill is not just in the mechanics of what it does. It will also be a great example of how Hawaii is very interested in promoting and encouraging the film industry in Hawaii. A non polluting industry that can attract huge projects and help sustain Hawaii's economy. Can you imagine Los Angeles without a movie industry? Brian Grazer, Ron Howard, Steven Spielberg, Jerry Bruckheimer, Roland Emmerich are just a few names who are watching how Hawaii is poised to host the film industry. If this bill is passed with an overwhelming affirmative vote it will serve as a great invitation for large scale participation in our film industry. Thank you very much, Al Furuto Actor and movie technician member S.A.G. and local 665