
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILM, TELEVISION, DIGITAL, AND NEW MEDIA
DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
- 2 (1) Assign to the Hawaii tourism authority the
- 3 responsibilities for film, television, digital, and
- 4 new media development;
- 5 (2) Repeal the film industry activities within the
- 6 department of business, economic development, and
- 7 tourism; and
- 8 (3) Require the Hawaii tourism authority to restructure
- 9 the debt service for state obligations related to the
- 10 Hawaii convention center and fund the implementation
- 11 of the film, television, digital, and new media
- 12 development activities for fiscal year 2012-2013 and
- 13 fiscal year 2013-2014 from the savings from any debt
- 14 restructuring.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 201B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

16 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and

17 to read as follows:



**"PART . FILM, TELEVISION, DIGITAL, AND NEW MEDIA
DEVELOPMENT**

§201B-A Definitions. As used in this part:

"Applicant" means a person applying for a grant under this part.

"Authority" means the Hawaii tourism authority.

"Eligible Hawaii project" or "project" means a film, television, digital, or new media project in which at least seventy-five per cent of the budget for the production costs, excluding salaries and costs for the producer, director, writer, screenplay, and actors in the project, is dedicated for the purchase or lease of goods or services from a vendor or supplier who is located and doing business in the State.

"Fund" means the film, television, digital, and new media development special fund.

"Hawaii film facility" means a facility with professional stages, television studios, recording studios, film labs, screening rooms, computer facilities, and other infrastructure for film, television, digital, and new media production.

§201B-B Powers and duties. In addition to any other powers and duties provided in this chapter, the authority shall:



- 1 (1) Coordinate and manage the consolidated permit
2 processing under section 201B-D;
- 3 (2) Work with state and county departments and agencies to
4 review and adjust permitting issues relating to public
5 lands, police and fire department permits, and
6 standardization of county permitting;
- 7 (3) Coordinate the pooling of various funding sources to
8 allow for aggressive marketing and promotion of Hawaii
9 locations to a broad market of producers;
- 10 (4) Have the right to inspect, at reasonable hours, the
11 plant, physical facilities, equipment, premises,
12 books, and records of any applicant under section
13 201B-D in connection with the processing of a grant
14 under section 201B-C;
- 15 (5) Register qualified production costs for the motion
16 picture, digital media, and film production income tax
17 credit under section 237-17;
- 18 (6) Establish advisory groups as it deems necessary to
19 obtain information from persons with a working
20 knowledge of the film, television, digital, and new
21 media industry, the county film commissions, and



- 1 government departments and agencies controlling
- 2 resources necessary to support the industry;
- 3 (7) Set and collect rents, fees, charges, or other
- 4 payments for the lease, use, or occupancy of the
- 5 Hawaii film facility without regard to chapter 91;
- 6 (8) Notwithstanding chapter 171, acquire, lease as lessee
- 7 or lessor, own, rent, hold, and dispose of the Hawaii
- 8 film facility in the exercise of its powers and the
- 9 performance of its duties under this part; and
- 10 (9) Acquire by purchase, lease, financing agreement under
- 11 chapter 37D, or otherwise, and develop, construct,
- 12 operate, own, manage, repair, reconstruct, enlarge, or
- 13 otherwise effectuate, either directly or through
- 14 developers, a Hawaii film facility.

§201B-C Film, television, digital, and new media

16 **development special fund.** (a) There is established the film,
17 television, digital, and new media development special fund into
18 which shall be deposited:

- 19 (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the film,
- 20 television, digital, and new media development special
- 21 fund;



- 1 (2) Revenues from the operations of the Hawaii film
- 2 facility;
- 3 (3) Revenues from revenue bonds issued for a loan program
- 4 pursuant to subsection (c);
- 5 (4) Gifts, grants, and other funds accepted by the
- 6 authority; and
- 7 (5) All interest and revenues or receipts derived by the
- 8 authority from any project or project agreements under
- 9 this part.

10 (b) Moneys in the film, television, digital, and new media
11 development special fund may be:

- 12 (1) Placed in interest-bearing accounts; provided that the
- 13 depository in which the money is deposited furnishes
- 14 security as provided in section 38-3; or
- 15 (2) Otherwise invested by the authority until such time as
- 16 the moneys may be needed; provided that the authority
- 17 shall limit its investments to those listed in section
- 18 36-21.

19 All interest accruing from the investment of these moneys shall
20 be credited to the film, television, digital, and new media
21 development special fund.



1 (c) The fund shall be used by the authority to assist in,
2 and provide incentives for, the production of eligible Hawaii
3 projects that are in compliance with criteria and standards
4 established by the authority in accordance with rules adopted by
5 the authority pursuant to chapter 91. In particular, the
6 authority shall adopt rules to provide for:

7 (1) Low interest loans to provide seed money for
8 production development and to support production that
9 will create jobs, provide training, and enhance the
10 State's promotional visibility; and

11 (2) A grant program with the following conditions:

12 (A) The grant shall be used exclusively for eligible
13 Hawaii projects;

14 (B) The applicant shall have applied for or received
15 all applicable licenses and permits;

16 (C) The applicant shall comply with applicable
17 federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination
18 against any person on the basis of race, color,
19 national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, or
20 physical handicap;

21 (D) The applicant shall indemnify and save harmless
22 the State of Hawaii and its officers, agents, and



1 employees from and against any and all claims
2 arising out of or resulting from activities
3 carried out or projects undertaken with funds
4 provided hereunder, and procure sufficient
5 insurance to provide this indemnification if
6 requested to do so by the authority; and
7 (E) The applicant shall submit to the authority,
8 reports to allow the authority to monitor the
9 applicant's compliance with the criteria and
10 standards established by the authority under this
11 part.

12 **§201B-D Consolidated permit processing.** (a) The
13 authority shall consult with state and county agencies to
14 identify sites that may be used for projects under terms and
15 conditions as may be determined by the state or county agency
16 having jurisdiction over the sites.

17 (b) The authority may accept an application from any
18 person who proposes to make a motion picture, television show,
19 television commercial, or other project at one or more sites on
20 state or county lands, whether or not set aside under section
21 171-11.



1 (c) The applicant shall identify the sites to be covered
2 by the permit and provide other information as may be required
3 by the authority.

4 (d) The authority may approve and issue a permit to film
5 at any of the sites identified by the appropriate state or
6 county agency under subsection (a). If any site requested for
7 use by the applicant is not identified under subsection (a), the
8 authority shall consult with the appropriate state or county
9 agency having jurisdiction over the site to obtain a permit. If
10 the matter of a permit cannot be resolved in this manner, the
11 authority shall refer the application to the appropriate state
12 or county agency to obtain a permit.

13 (e) The authority is authorized to make changes to, and
14 extensions of, any approved permits so long as the changes and
15 extensions do not conflict with the policies, terms, and
16 conditions set forth by the agency having jurisdiction over the
17 site in question.

18 (f) The authority may establish memoranda of agreement or
19 adopt rules to implement the intent and purposes of this
20 section.

21 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving
22 the authority of any county or the department of transportation



1 of the State to require a person to obtain a permit from the
2 department or county where the production takes place on or from
3 a public highway.

4 (h) A vessel engaged in temporary use for film production
5 purposes in accordance with a film permit issued by the
6 authority shall not be considered to be a "commercial vessel"
7 within the meaning of section 200-9, 200-10, or 200-39; provided
8 that:

9 (1) The period of temporary use does not exceed fourteen
10 hours per day, five days per week, excluding weekends,
11 and for a period not to exceed thirty calendar days;
12 and

13 (2) The authority may make allowances to include weekends
14 for film production purposes due to inclement weather
15 conditions during the weekday period."

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§237- Hawaii film facility. This chapter shall not
20 apply to amounts received from the construction of a Hawaii film
21 facility as defined in section 201B-A under a financing
22 agreement pursuant to chapter 37D or from the operations of a



1 Hawaii film facility constructed under a financing agreement
2 pursuant to chapter 37D."

3 SECTION 4. Section 201-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§201-3 Specific research and promotional functions of the**
6 **department.** Without prejudice to its general functions and
7 duties, the department of business, economic development, and
8 tourism shall have specific functions in the following areas:

9 (1) Industrial development. The department shall:

10 (A) Determine through technical and economic surveys
11 the profit potential of new or expanded
12 industrial undertakings;

13 (B) Develop through research projects and other means
14 new and improved industrial products and
15 processes;

16 (C) Promote studies and surveys to determine consumer
17 preference as to design and quality and to
18 determine the best methods of packaging,
19 transporting, and marketing the State's
20 industrial products;

21 (D) Disseminate information to assist the present
22 industries of the State, to attract new



1 industries to the State, and to encourage capital
2 investment in present and new industries in the
3 State;

4 (E) Assist associations of producers and distributors
5 of industrial products to introduce these
6 products to consumers; and

7 (F) Make grants or contracts as may be necessary or
8 advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

9 (2) Land development. The department shall:

10 (A) Encourage the most productive use of all land in
11 the State in accordance with a general plan
12 developed by the department;

13 (B) Encourage the improvement of land tenure
14 practices on leased private lands;

15 (C) Promote an informational program directed to
16 landowners, producers of agricultural and
17 industrial commodities, and the general public
18 regarding the most efficient and most productive
19 use of the lands in the State; and

20 (D) Make grants or contracts as may be necessary or
21 advisable to accomplish the foregoing;

22 (3) Credit development. The department shall:



- 1 (A) Conduct a continuing study of agricultural and
- 2 industrial credit needs;
- 3 (B) Encourage the development of additional private
- 4 and public credit sources for agricultural and
- 5 industrial enterprises;
- 6 (C) Promote an informational program to acquaint
- 7 financial institutions with agricultural and
- 8 industrial credit needs and the potential for
- 9 agricultural and industrial expansion, and inform
- 10 producers of agricultural and industrial products
- 11 as to the manner in which to qualify for loans;
- 12 and
- 13 (D) Make grants or contracts as may be necessary or
- 14 advisable to accomplish the foregoing;
- 15 (4) Promotion. The department shall:
- 16 (A) Disseminate information developed for or by the
- 17 department pertaining to economic development to
- 18 assist present industry in the State;
- 19 (B) Attract new industry and investments to the
- 20 State; and



1 (C) Assist new and emerging industry with good growth
2 potential or prospects in jobs, exports, and new
3 products.

4 The industrial and economic promotional activities of
5 the department may include the use of literature,
6 advertising, demonstrations, displays, market testing,
7 lectures, travel, motion picture and slide films, and
8 other promotional and publicity devices as may be
9 appropriate; and

10 (5) Self-sufficiency standard. The department shall
11 establish and update biennially a self-sufficiency
12 standard that shall incorporate existing methods of
13 calculation, and shall reflect, at a minimum, costs
14 relating to housing, food, child care, transportation,
15 health care, clothing and household expenses, federal
16 and state tax obligations, family size, children's
17 ages, geography, and the number of household wage
18 earners. The department shall report to the
19 legislature concerning the self-sufficiency standard
20 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2009, and every odd-numbered
22 year thereafter. The recommendations shall address,



1 among other things, the use of any federal funding
2 that may be available for the purposes of establishing
3 and updating the self-sufficiency standard.

4 ~~[The department shall be the central agency to coordinate~~
5 ~~film permit activities in the State.]"~~

6 SECTION 5. Section 235-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended as follows:

8 1. By amending subsection (f) to read:

9 "(f) To receive the tax credit, the taxpayer shall first
10 prequalify the production for the credit by registering with the
11 ~~[department of business, economic development, and tourism]~~
12 Hawaii tourism authority during the development or preproduction
13 stage. Failure to comply with this provision may constitute a
14 waiver of the right to claim the credit."

15 2. By amending subsections (h) and (i) to read:

16 "(h) Every taxpayer claiming a tax credit under this
17 section for a qualified production shall, no later than ninety
18 days following the end of each taxable year in which qualified
19 production costs were expended, submit a written, sworn
20 statement to the ~~[department of business, economic development,~~
21 ~~and tourism,]~~ Hawaii tourism authority, identifying:



- 1 (1) All qualified production costs as provided by
2 subsection (a), if any, incurred in the previous
3 taxable year;
- 4 (2) The amount of tax credits claimed pursuant to this
5 section, if any, in the previous taxable year; and
- 6 (3) The number of total hires versus the number of local
7 hires by category (i.e., department) and by county.
- 8 (i) ~~The [department of business, economic development, and~~
9 ~~tourism]~~ Hawaii tourism authority shall:
- 10 (1) Maintain records of the names of the taxpayers and
11 qualified productions thereof claiming the tax credits
12 under subsection (a);
- 13 (2) Obtain and total the aggregate amounts of all
14 qualified production costs per qualified production
15 and per qualified production per taxable year; and
- 16 (3) Provide a letter to the director of taxation
17 specifying the amount of the tax credit per qualified
18 production for each taxable year that a tax credit is
19 claimed and the cumulative amount of the tax credit
20 for all years claimed.

21 Upon each determination required under this subsection, the
22 ~~[department of business, economic development, and tourism]~~



1 Hawaii tourism authority shall issue a letter to the taxpayer,
2 regarding the qualified production, specifying the qualified
3 production costs and the tax credit amount qualified for in each
4 taxable year a tax credit is claimed. The taxpayer for each
5 qualified production shall file the letter with the taxpayer's
6 tax return for the qualified production to the department of
7 taxation. Notwithstanding the authority of the [~~department of~~
8 ~~business, economic development, and tourism~~] Hawaii tourism
9 authority under this section, the director of taxation may audit
10 and adjust the tax credit amount to conform to the information
11 filed by the taxpayer."

12 3. By amending subsection (1) to read:

13 "(1) For the purposes of this section:

14 "Commercial":

15 (1) Means an advertising message that is filmed using
16 film, videotape, or digital media, for dissemination
17 via television broadcast or theatrical distribution;

18 (2) Includes a series of advertising messages if all parts
19 are produced at the same time over the course of six
20 consecutive weeks; and

21 (3) Does not include an advertising message with
22 Internet-only distribution.



1 "Digital media" means production methods and platforms
2 directly related to the creation of cinematic imagery and
3 content, specifically using digital means, including but not
4 limited to digital cameras, digital sound equipment, and
5 computers, to be delivered via film, videotape, interactive game
6 platform, or other digital distribution media (excluding
7 Internet-only distribution).

8 "Post production" means production activities and services
9 conducted after principal photography is completed, including
10 but not limited to editing, film and video transfers,
11 duplication, transcoding, dubbing, subtitling, credits, closed
12 captioning, audio production, special effects (visual and
13 sound), graphics, and animation.

14 "Production" means a series of activities that are directly
15 related to the creation of visual and cinematic imagery to be
16 delivered via film, videotape, or digital media and to be sold,
17 distributed, or displayed as entertainment or the advertisement
18 of products for mass public consumption, including but not
19 limited to scripting, casting, set design and construction,
20 transportation, videography, photography, sound recording,
21 interactive game design, and post production.

22 "Qualified production":



1 (1) Means a production, with expenditures in the State,
2 for the total or partial production of a feature-
3 length motion picture, short film, made-for-television
4 movie, commercial, music video, interactive game,
5 television series pilot, single season (up to
6 twenty-two episodes) of a television series regularly
7 filmed in the State (if the number of episodes per
8 single season exceeds twenty-two, additional episodes
9 for the same season shall constitute a separate
10 qualified production), television special, single
11 television episode that is not part of a television
12 series regularly filmed or based in the State,
13 national magazine show, or national talk show. For
14 the purposes of subsections (d) and (j), each of the
15 aforementioned qualified production categories shall
16 constitute separate, individual qualified productions;
17 and

18 (2) Does not include: daily news; public affairs
19 programs; non-national magazine or talk shows;
20 televised sporting events or activities; productions
21 that solicit funds; productions produced primarily for
22 industrial, corporate, institutional, or other private



1 purposes; and productions that include any material or
2 performance prohibited by chapter 712.

3 "Qualified production costs" means the costs incurred by a
4 qualified production within the State that are subject to the
5 general excise tax under chapter 237 or income tax under this
6 chapter and that have not been financed by any investments for
7 which a credit was or will be claimed pursuant to section
8 235-110.9. Qualified production costs include but are not
9 limited to:

- 10 (1) Costs incurred during preproduction such as location
11 scouting and related services;
- 12 (2) Costs of set construction and operations, purchases or
13 rentals of wardrobe, props, accessories, food, office
14 supplies, transportation, equipment, and related
15 services;
- 16 (3) Wages or salaries of cast, crew, and musicians;
- 17 (4) Costs of photography, sound synchronization, lighting,
18 and related services;
- 19 (5) Costs of editing, visual effects, music, other post-
20 production, and related services;
- 21 (6) Rentals and fees for use of local facilities and
22 locations;



- 1 (7) Rentals of vehicles and lodging for cast and crew;
- 2 (8) Airfare for flights to or from Hawaii, and interisland
- 3 flights;
- 4 (9) Insurance and bonding;
- 5 (10) Shipping of equipment and supplies to or from Hawaii,
- 6 and interisland shipments; and
- 7 (11) Other direct production costs specified by the
- 8 department in consultation with the [~~department of~~
- 9 ~~business, economic development, and tourism.~~] Hawaii
- 10 tourism authority."

11 SECTION 6. Section 238-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 12 amended by amending the definition of "use" to read as follows:

13 ""Use" (and any nounal, verbal, adjectival, adverbial, and
 14 other equivalent form of the term) herein used interchangeably
 15 means any use, whether the use is of such nature as to cause the
 16 property, services, or contracting to be appreciably consumed or
 17 not, or the keeping of the property or services for such use or
 18 for sale, the exercise of any right or power over tangible or
 19 intangible personal property incident to the ownership of that
 20 property, and shall include control over tangible or intangible
 21 property by a seller who is licensed or who should be licensed
 22 under chapter 237, who directs the importation of the property



1 into the State for sale and delivery to a purchaser in the
2 State, liability and free on board (FOB) to the contrary
3 notwithstanding, regardless of where title passes, but the term
4 "use" shall not include:

5 (1) Temporary use of property, not of a perishable or
6 quickly consumable nature, where the property is
7 imported into the State for temporary use (not sale)
8 therein by the person importing the same and is not
9 intended to be, and is not, kept permanently in the
10 State. For example, without limiting the generality
11 of the foregoing language:

12 (A) In the case of a contractor importing permanent
13 equipment for the performance of a construction
14 contract, with intent to remove, and who does
15 remove, the equipment out of the State upon
16 completing the contract;

17 (B) In the case of moving picture films imported for
18 use in theaters in the State with intent or under
19 contract to transport the same out of the State
20 after completion of such use; and

21 (C) In the case of a transient visitor importing an
22 automobile or other belongings into the State to



- 1 be used by the transient visitor while therein
2 but which are to be used and are removed upon the
3 transient visitor's departure from the State;
- 4 (2) Use by the taxpayer of property acquired by the
5 taxpayer solely by way of gift;
- 6 (3) Use which is limited to the receipt of articles and
7 the return thereof, to the person from whom acquired,
8 immediately or within a reasonable time either after
9 temporary trial or without trial;
- 10 (4) Use of goods imported into the State by the owner of a
11 vessel or vessels engaged in interstate or foreign
12 commerce and held for and used only as ship stores for
13 the vessels;
- 14 (5) The use or keeping for use of household goods,
15 personal effects, and private automobiles imported
16 into the State for nonbusiness use by a person who:
- 17 (A) Acquired them in another state, territory,
18 district, or country;
- 19 (B) At the time of the acquisition was a bona fide
20 resident of another state, territory, district,
21 or country;



1 (C) Acquired the property for use outside the State;
2 and
3 (D) Made actual and substantial use thereof outside
4 this State;
5 provided that as to an article acquired less than
6 three months prior to the time of its importation into
7 the State it shall be presumed, until and unless
8 clearly proved to the contrary, that it was acquired
9 for use in the State and that its use outside the
10 State was not actual and substantial;
11 (6) The leasing or renting of any aircraft or the keeping
12 of any aircraft solely for leasing or renting to
13 lessees or renters using the aircraft for commercial
14 transportation of passengers and goods or the
15 acquisition or importation of any such aircraft or
16 aircraft engines by any lessee or renter engaged in
17 interstate air transportation. For purposes of this
18 paragraph, "leasing" includes all forms of lease,
19 regardless of whether the lease is an operating lease
20 or financing lease. The definition of "interstate air
21 transportation" is the same as in 49 U.S.C. 40102;



- 1 (7) The use of oceangoing vehicles for passenger or
2 passenger and goods transportation from one point to
3 another within the State as a public utility as
4 defined in chapter 269;
- 5 (8) The use of material, parts, or tools imported or
6 purchased by a person licensed under chapter 237 which
7 are used for aircraft service and maintenance, or the
8 construction of an aircraft service and maintenance
9 facility as those terms are defined in section
10 237-24.9;
- 11 (9) The use of services or contracting imported for resale
12 where the contracting or services are for resale,
13 consumption, or use outside the State pursuant to
14 section 237-29.53(a);
- 15 (10) The use of contracting imported or purchased by a
16 contractor as defined in section 237-6 who is:
17 (A) Licensed under chapter 237;
18 (B) Engaged in business as a contractor; and
19 (C) Subject to the tax imposed under section 238-2.3;
20 [and]
- 21 (11) The use of property, services, or contracting imported
22 by foreign diplomats and consular officials who are



1 holding cards issued or authorized by the United
2 States Department of State granting them an exemption
3 from state taxes[-]; and

4 (12) The use of material, parts, or tools imported or
5 purchased by a person licensed under chapter 237, that
6 are used for a Hawaii film facility or the
7 construction of a Hawaii film facility as defined in
8 section 201B-A.

9 With regard to purchases made and distributed under the
10 authority of chapter 421, a cooperative association shall be
11 deemed the user thereof."

12 SECTION 7. Section 201-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 ~~["§201-14 Consolidated film permit processing. (a) The~~
15 ~~department shall consult with state and county agencies in order~~
16 ~~to identify sites that can be used for making visually recorded~~
17 ~~productions under terms and conditions as may be determined by~~
18 ~~the state or county agency having jurisdiction over the sites.~~

19 ~~(b) The department may accept an application from any~~
20 ~~person who proposes to make a motion picture, television show,~~
21 ~~television commercial, or other visually recorded production at~~



1 ~~one or more sites on state or county lands, whether or not set~~
2 ~~aside under section 171-11.~~

3 ~~(c) The applicant shall identify the sites to be covered~~
4 ~~by the permit and provide other information as may be required~~
5 ~~by the department.~~

6 ~~(d) The department may approve and issue a permit to film~~
7 ~~at any of the sites identified by the appropriate state or~~
8 ~~county agency under subsection (a). If any site requested for~~
9 ~~use by the applicant is not identified under subsection (a), the~~
10 ~~department shall consult with the appropriate state or county~~
11 ~~agency having jurisdiction over the site to obtain a permit. If~~
12 ~~the matter of a permit cannot be resolved in this manner, the~~
13 ~~department shall refer the application to the appropriate state~~
14 ~~or county agency to obtain a permit.~~

15 ~~(e) The department is authorized to make changes to, and~~
16 ~~extensions of, any approved permits so long as the changes and~~
17 ~~extensions do not conflict with the policies, terms, and~~
18 ~~conditions set forth by the agency having jurisdiction over the~~
19 ~~site in question.~~

20 ~~(f) The department may establish memoranda of agreement or~~
21 ~~adopt rules to implement the intent and purposes of this~~
22 ~~section.~~



1 ~~(g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving~~
2 ~~the authority of any county or the department of transportation~~
3 ~~of the State to require a person to obtain a permit from the~~
4 ~~department or county where the production takes place on or from~~
5 ~~a public highway.~~

6 ~~(h) A vessel engaged in temporary use for film production~~
7 ~~purposes in accordance with a film permit issued by the~~
8 ~~department shall not be considered to be a "commercial vessel"~~
9 ~~within the meaning of section 200-9, 200-10, or 200-39; provided~~
10 ~~that:~~

11 ~~(1) The period of temporary use does not exceed fourteen~~
12 ~~hours per day, five days per week, excluding weekends,~~
13 ~~and for a period not to exceed thirty calendar days;~~
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~(2) The department may make allowances to include weekends~~
16 ~~for film production purposes due to inclement weather~~
17 ~~conditions during the weekday period."]~~

18 SECTION 8. Chapter 201, part IX, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
19 is repealed.

20 SECTION 9. All rights, powers, functions, and duties
21 related to Hawaii television and film development are
22 transferred to the Hawaii tourism authority. The authority may



1 employ, without regard to chapters 76 and 78, and at pleasure
2 dismiss such persons as it finds necessary for the performance
3 of its functions under this Act and fix their compensation.

4 All officers and employees whose functions are transferred
5 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall
6 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,
7 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.

8 No officer or employee of the State having tenure shall
9 suffer any loss of salary, seniority, prior service credit,
10 vacation, sick leave, or other employee benefit or privilege as
11 a consequence of this Act, and such officer or employee may be
12 transferred or appointed to a civil service position without the
13 necessity of examination; provided that the officer or employee
14 possesses the minimum qualifications for the position to which
15 transferred or appointed; and provided that subsequent changes
16 in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and
17 compensation laws.

18 If an office or position held by an officer or employee
19 having tenure is abolished, the officer or employee shall not
20 thereby be separated from public employment, but shall remain in
21 the employment of the State with the same pay and classification
22 and shall be transferred to some other office or position for



1 which the officer or employee is eligible under the personnel
2 laws of the State as determined by the head of the department or
3 the governor.

4 SECTION 10. All appropriations, records, equipment,
5 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
6 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,
7 acquired, or held by the department of business, economic
8 development, and tourism relating to the functions transferred
9 to the Hawaii tourism authority shall be transferred with the
10 functions to which they relate.

11 SECTION 11. This Act shall not affect the membership or
12 term of any appointed member of a board or other policy-making
13 or advisory body transferred by this Act. Such a member shall
14 continue to serve on the board or other body for the member's
15 term without necessity of reappointment.

16 SECTION 12. The Hawaii tourism authority shall restructure
17 the debt service for state obligations related to the Hawaii
18 convention center; provided that there is appropriated out of
19 the convention center enterprise special fund from the savings
20 from any debt restructuring, the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 and the
22 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2013-2014 to be deposited into the film, television, digital,
2 and new media development special fund established pursuant to
3 201B-C, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the film,
5 television, digital, and new media development special fund the
6 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
7 fiscal year 2012-2013 and the same sum or so much thereof as may
8 be necessary for fiscal year 2013-2014 for implementation of the
9 film, television, digital, and new media development activities.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii
11 tourism authority for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 14. This Act does not affect rights and duties
13 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that
14 were begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 15. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
18 provided that sections 12 and 13 shall take effect on July 1,
19 2012.



Report Title:

Hawaii Tourism Authority; Film, Television, Digital, and New Media Development; Appropriation

Description:

Assigns to the Hawaii tourism authority the responsibilities for film, television, digital, and new media development; repeals the film industry activities within the department of business, economic development, and tourism; makes conforming amendments; requires the Hawaii tourism authority to restructure the debt service for state obligations related to the convention center; requires unspecified amounts for fiscal year 2012-2013 and fiscal year 2013-2014 of the savings from any such restructuring to be deposited into the film, television, digital, and new media development special fund for implementation of the film, television, digital, and new media development activities; appropriates unspecified amounts from the special fund; effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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